



Meeting God in the Wilderness (part 1)

EXODUS 3:1-5



- ▶ God got Moses' **attention** on that day (what about you?)
- ▶ How do you think God is trying to get your attention today?
- ▶ Moreover, if God speaks to you today, how will you **respond** to Him and His plan?
- ▶ On the other hand, how will you know it is God who speaks to you?

Some Explanations

1. (v.2) The **Angel of the Lord** is one of the names of God in the OT, as indicated in the context when it is used (e.g. Gen. 22:11-12; 15-16). It is a name used to describe the Lord in a **physical form** before the incarnation of Christ.
2. (v.1) No one knows for sure where Mount Horeb is. It is most likely NOT in Sinai Peninsula (as it was clearly still inside Egyptian territory) and it is not where the land of Midian was.

Some Explanations

3. The land of Midian is most likely in the Northwestern part of Saudi Arabia, just south of today's Jordan, west of the Gulf of Aqaba.



1. A Great Sight

- ▶ Moses **stopped** what he was doing as he saw something **incredible**. (What is yours?)
- ▶ There are two words to describe miracles in the Bible: **signs** and **wonders** (e.g. Deu. 26:8; Acts. 15:2)
- ▶ A sign announces a **message** (e.g. The seven miracles in the Gospel of John); while a wonder (as in here) is wondrous for us to behold—in order to capture attention (as in God is working now in here).



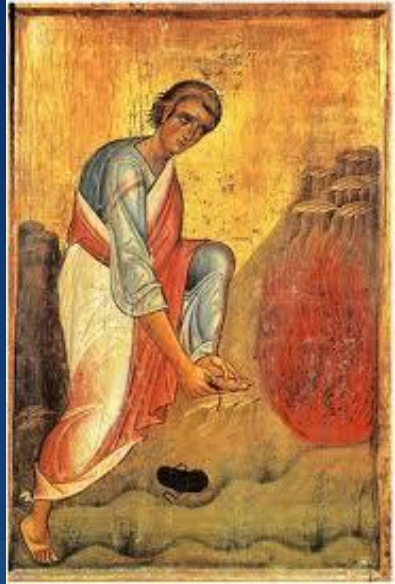
2. Turn Aside

- ▶ The Bible describes that Moses stopped and **turned aside**
- ▶ God is still doing wondrous deeds in our lives today to capture our attention...nevertheless we may be too “busy” to see it. (Psalm 63:1-4)
- ▶ What is “capturing” you these days, if it is not the wondrous work of God...what would **that** be?
- ▶ Are you willing to turn aside from what you are doing? And actually pay attention and look? (Psalm 27:4)



3. Took Off His Shoes

- ▶ Why did God want Moses to **take off** his shoes? (also Jos. 5:15)
- ▶ Wherever God is, it is **holy ground**. (Gen. 28:17)
- ▶ God is in us as **believers** today (1 Cor. 6:19-20) and with us as a **group** (Rev. 2:1; Matt. 18:20).
- ▶ Are you also willing to take off your shoes and leave the world behind you? (Luke 9:59-62)



Conclusion

- ▶ As God was capturing Moses' attention on that day, He is still drawing us to Himself through His word and His deeds.
- ▶ Moreover, God is still **performing wonders** in our everyday lives. (How do you respond?)
- ▶ Moses **MUST** still **stop** and **turn aside** in order to respond to God.
- ▶ Finally, are you willing to **take off** your shoes?

