

God Bestowed Faith on Moses Exodus

3:9-14

A male child born to a Hebrew couple was hidden among the reeds on the Nile at just three months old to escape being killed by Pharaoh, the King of Egypt. Remarkably, he was discovered by Pharaoh's daughter and narrowly saved. The princess named him Moses ("drawn out") but he was raised by his birth mother until he grew up. As an adult, he returned to the palace but was hunted by the pharaoh after committing murder. He escaped to Midian (western Arabia), where he married a priest's daughter and became a shepherd. One day, while tending his flock at Mount Horeb, he encountered God.

God commanded Moses to rescue the Hebrews, who were suffering under slavery in Egypt. However, Moses hesitated, feeling that the task was far too great due to his flaw, a speech impediment. God then said, "I will surely be with you" (v.12), words that echo Immanuel: "the Lord is with us". When Moses asked God His name, He firmly declared (v.14), "I Am who I Am"—not a created being but one who exists (Ehyeh). From Ehyeh comes the proper name of God, Yahweh.

These two divine words gave Moses a firm faith. With his former faith alone, he would not have been fit for God's purpose. But now, he resolved to act as God's spokesperson and deliver his people.

God appointed Moses as the leader and entrusted him with the task of leading the Hebrews out of slavery (a theology of salvation). Long afterwards, in the New Testament era, God gave His only Son to the world to rescue all people from suffering and the bonds of sin. The work of Moses has foreshadowed the salvation brought by Christ.