

Taking Worship into your Week
8.2.2020 – Now I See - #3 - Make it Happen!

Scripture Reading

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father,[a] the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you[b] will worship God on this mountain.”

Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

Questions for reflection:

1. Think/share about a time when someone told you to do something which seemed overwhelming to you and about which you felt completely unqualified.

2. Read again 3:2-7 then compare with Gen. 16:7-14 and Josh. 5:13-15, then ponder...
 - a. From the sermon, what was notable about the designation, “the” angel of the Lord?

 - b. In all three scenes, note/share how the Lord changes the desperate course of events, and ask yourself when such a time has happened to you.

3. Read again vs. 2. From the sermon, what was the significance of the bush Moses saw not being consumed, and on the cross, Christ being “consumed” to death?

4. Read again vs. 11 and 13. What are your excuses as to why you feel underqualified to do God’s will... and by what he tells Moses, what is our source of confidence and strength?