

## The Backside Of The Desert

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro, his father in laws, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb ( Exodus 3:1 ).

We today know the story of Moses. He grew up in Egypt and was educated in the Egyptian schools.

It was a time when the Hebrews were slaves to the Pharaoh of Egypt. Egypt was filled with lust, hate, and murder. Egypt is a type of the world today.

In Egypt, you can find education, but lose your soul.

In Egypt, you can find wealth, but lose your soul.

In Egypt, you can find power and position, but lose your soul.

In Egypt, you can find all the pleasures of life, but lose your soul.

In Egypt, you can make a name for yourself, but lose your soul.

Egypt will kill your babies. I would not want to raise my family in Egypt. I would not want my family to get comfortable with the world. When you stay in Egypt long enough, it will get into your heart. The ways of Egypt will lead you astray.

Moses committed murder in Egypt and fled for his life. He lost his popularity, his family, his position, and his friends. He felt, a failure, and that God had forsaken him.

Moses fled to the desert of Midian. What possibly could he find in a place like this? Egypt was where the action was; why the desert places? God seems to dwell in the quiet places, not the cities of iniquity.

Moses met his wife in desert places. He could have married in Egypt, but it was not the will of God. The best place to find a wife is not in the world, but in the church.

As Moses led the flock of his father-in-law, he came to the backside of the desert, near Mt. Horeb. The mountain of God was not in the land of

Egypt. The mountain of God was not where the action was, but in the church, separate from Egypt.

It was in an obscure place. It was in an “out of the way” place. Sometimes it is good to get out from the hustle and bustle of city life and find quiet places to rest and commune with God.

Before Paul began his public ministry, he spent two years in the desert. John the Baptist was in the deserts before his public ministry. It is the desert places where we will find God most real and receive an experience from Him.

Moses saw a burning bush on the desert that was not consumed. This represents the New Testament church. The church is filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit. The fire and Spirit of God is never consumed. It still burns today in our generation.

Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see why this bush is not consumed.”

Friend, you need to turn aside today and check out the church of the living God. You need to turn aside and find out who God is. You need to turn aside and find an experience with Him.

When Moses had turned aside, God called to him out of the midst of the burning bush. Friend, God is calling for you today from the church that burns with the Holy Spirit. He is calling your name today.

“Moses, Moses, “Moses said, “Here am I.” That is my cry today, “Here am I, Lord, reveal to me, thy power, thy Name, and thy purpose for my life.”

Moses was instructed to remove his shoes, for the ground he was standing on, was holy. I am standing on holy ground today. I am not standing in the ivory palaces of Egypt, but I am standing on holy ground in the church of the living God.

God wanted Moses to be the deliverer of His people down in Egypt. If ever God’s people need to be delivered out of Egypt, it is today. God wanted to use Moses for His glory. God wants to use you today for His glory. God has a mission for you to win souls.

Moses asked God His Name so he could tell Israel who sent him. God said to Moses, “I AM THAT I AM.” Tell Israel, “I AM,” hath sent me unto you.

Moses found out the Name of the God of Israel. He received a revelation of the Name of God. He was standing in the presence of eternal deity.

When I come to the church, I am standing in the presence of eternal deity. I know the Name of my God. His Name is Jesus Christ. I shall go forth with the rod of His Word, and the power of His Name, and deliver souls from the world.

This experience, on the backside of the desert, changed the life of Moses, he was never the same man. You can receive an experience of God's Spirit that will change your life today.

It will not be found on popular street.  
It will not be found on broad street.  
It will not be found on sin boulevard.  
It will not be found on party drive.  
It will not be found on alcohol circle.  
It will be found on the backside of the desert.

Get alone with God and let His Holy Spirit baptize your soul with fire. He will make you into a Moses. He will make you into a John the Baptist. He will make you into an Apostle Paul.

Lord, give me desert avenue.  
Lord, give me straight street.  
Lord, give me holy boulevard.  
Lord, give me Jesus way.  
Lord, give me repentance circle.

Bring me to Mt. Horeb, bring me into the presence of God. Change me, give me direction, and a mission.

God wants you today. He wants to draw you to a desert place in Him. You will never be the same when you leave the backside of the desert.