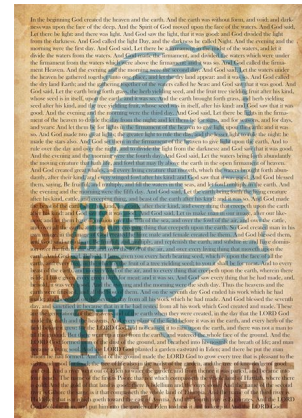




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Moses, the Burning Bush, and Our Greater Moses

I've been thinking a lot lately about the call of Moses in Exodus 3. It's a popular narrative, usually finding a spot in big movies on the Bible. It seems to me, however, that the burning bush is far more than just Hollywood flash, and the role that Moses plays in the account tells us quite a bit about a much greater Moses to come...

We're first told that "Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian..." (Ex. 3:1). That's a nice little detail, but why is it important to know? Well, when it comes to delivering his people, God loves to work through shepherds, and we know who his ultimate Shepherd will be (John 10). But even more, Moses is a shepherd who's taking care of a flock that doesn't belong to him; it belongs to his father-in-law, Jethro. Soon Moses will be taking care of the flock of God's people, a group that doesn't belong to him but has been entrusted to him by a heavenly Father who brought Moses into his family by adoption as a son (Rom. 8:15, 23).

We're then told that Moses "led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God" (Ex. 3:1). My burning question: what kind of shepherd leads his flock into the wilderness?

Answer: exactly the kind of shepherd we need! We need a shepherd who brings us through the wilderness of this life, promising us that while the journey may have some dry patches, bumps, and bruises, we are most certainly heading to the mountain of God. On that mountain is “a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of age wine well refined. And [God] will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples.... He will swallow up death forever...” (see Is. 25:6–9).

Now, the moment we’ve all been waiting for: “And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, ‘I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned’” (Ex. 3:2–3).

Fascinating! The bush was burning, but it was not consumed. The bush was indeed burning, but it was not burned. What’s going on here?

For starters, fire in the Bible is often used to depict the purifying and refining process that God’s people must undergo throughout this life. The “fiery trials” we experience in the wilderness may hurt (1 Pet. 4:12), but we will not finally be overcome by them. They may burn, but we will certainly not be consumed.

The bush also teaches us a thing or two about God. Amazingly, God is truly present in this physical, tangible object, yet the bush is not being obliterated. God can actually dwell in something as tangible as a bush—or human flesh—to be with his people. And that, of course, is what happened in the incarnation: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...” (Jn. 1:14).

Finally, it’s also no wonder that this same Word is present in such physical elements as bread and wine in a way that he’s not present anywhere else in all creation. Whatever our wilderness journey happens to be right now, he continues to meet us along the way with these tangible blessings, causing his love and mercy to burn within us like an unquenchable fire.

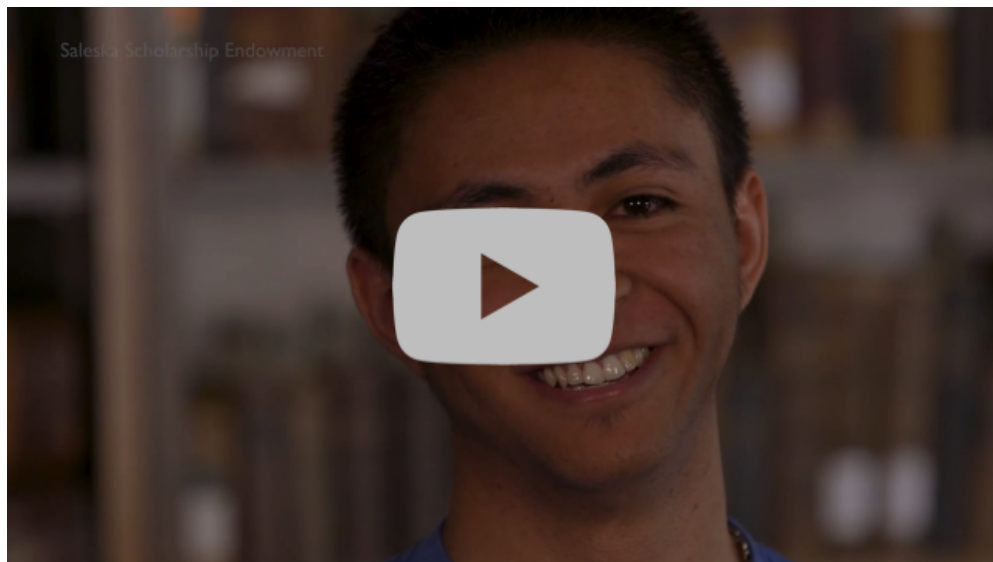
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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