

## **Responding to God's Call Exodus 2:11-4:17**

### **I. A Human Response 2:11-15**

1. Moses tries to help his people – 11-14  
When he was grown, age 40 - Acts 7:23  
Compassion for their burdens - 11  
Saw a slave-master beating a Hebrew - 11  
He killed the Egyptian slave-master – 12  
Made sure no one was looking  
Hid the body in the sand  
Misunderstood by his people – 13-14  
Next day tried to separate two Hebrews fighting  
“who made you a prince and judge over us”  
“will you kill me as you killed the Egyptian”  
Moses knew what he did was known - 14  
(Acts 7:23-28)
2. Pharaoh's anger causes him to flee – 15  
Threatened by death he went to land of Midian
3. His attempt seemed to be a failure  
Humanly speaking, even with his people
4. How did God view this?  
An act of faith – Hebrews 11:24-26  
He chose to stand with his persecuted people  
To suffer affliction with them  
Rather than enjoy pleasures of sin in the palace  
Looking forward to an eternal reward  
By faith he fled Egypt – Heb. 11:27

### **II. Deliverer in Exile – 2:16-25**

1. Exile in Midian for next 40 yrs - 16-22  
Helped some shepherd girls -16-17  
Continued to do good where he was  
Offered a place to live by Reuel – 16-21  
Girls told their father what had happened
2. Marries Zipporah & has a son – 21-22  
She is the daughter of Reuel  
Firstborn son is Gershom
3. Pharaoh died & Jews cried to God - 23  
Way is prepared for the Deliverer to return  
People turn to God in their affliction
4. God heard their cries – 24-25  
He heard their cries, had compassion

### **III. God's Call to Moses - Ex. 3**

1. Meets God at Burning Bush - 1-6  
Shepherding sheep for father-in-law - 1  
At Mt. Horeb, the Mount of God  
Glory of God appeared in burning bush - 2  
Angel of the Lord in a flame of fire  
Yet the bush was not consumed  
Moses attracted to this unusual sight - 3  
God spoke to Moses from the bush - 4-6  
Moses is in presence of the Holy God - 5  
Covenant God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob - 6  
Moses in awe before presence of the Holy God

2. God will Deliver His People - 7-9  
God saw their need and heard their cry - 7  
God will intervene on behalf of His people - 8  
He will bring them out of Egypt in deliverance  
He will bring them into a land of milk and honey  
God has seen the Egyptian oppression - 9
3. God will use Moses as deliverer – 10-13  
Moses questions his qualifications - 11  
God assures him of success - 12  
Your people will serve God on this mountain  
Moses lacks knowledge of God - 13
4. God reveals Himself as great I AM – 14-5  
He is the eternal self-existing God  
He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob  
He is unchanging God, faithful to His covenants
5. Directives from God - 16-22  
Gather elders of Israel together - 16-18  
Tell them about your encounter with God  
Tell them about God's promised deliverance  
They will listen and respond to your leadership  
Go to Pharaoh & request release - 18-20  
Request a 3 day period to go worship God - 18  
Pharaoh will not give you permission to go - 19  
God will do miracles to make Pharaoh agree - 20  
Gather material wealth from Egyptians – 21-22  
God will give people favor with the Egyptians  
They will give the Israelites wealth  
God's people will not go away empty

### **IV. Moses' Objections – 4:1-17**

1. “They will not believe me” - 1-9  
Note what God said in 3:18  
God's mighty power will convince them  
Turning his rod into a serpent - 2-5  
A leprous hand made well again - 6-8  
Turning water into blood - 9
2. “I am not a gifted speaker” - 10-12  
God will speak through Moses - 11-12
3. “Send someone else” - 13  
God is angry but will let Aaron speak - 14-17  
God will speak to Moses & Moses to Aaron