Part #2 THE BURNING BUSH

Scripture Song: Behold, bless the LORD – Psalm 134

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on the Book of Exodus: Stories of Deliverance. Today's topic: THE BURNING BUSH.

1) Supernatural encounter in the desert

a. Exodus 3:1-3 How did Moses react when he saw a burning bush while caring for Jethro's flock?
b. Exodus 3:4 Who was this Angel of the LORD who appeared to Moses in the midst of the fire and called Moses by name? (Genesis 22:11,15-18)
c. Why was Moses instructed to remove his sandals? Exodus 3:5 What are some other ways we demonstrate reverence? (Psalm 95:6, etc.)
d. What lessons can we learn from this encounter with the LORD?

2) God's revelation to Moses

a. Why did the LORD identify Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Exodus 3:6
b. What message did the LORD share with Moses? Exodus 3:7-9
c. What does this revelation tell us about the character of God? (Jeremiah 9:24, etc.)
d. How did Moses respond to the LORD's call to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt? Exodus 3:10-11
e. What assurances did the LORD give to Moses of His sustaining presence? Exodus 3:12,16-22, 4:1-9

3) The Divine Name

a. Exodus 3:13-14 God has many names in the Scriptures (Elohim, El Shaddai, El Elyon) What is the significance of the name "I AM"?
b. How did Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, identify with the divine Name? John 8:58, 11:25, 14:6, etc.
c. What assurance do you find knowing that God is and always will be I AM? (Hebrews 13:8)

4) No more excuses

a. What excuse did Moses give for not accepting the call of the LORD? Exodus 4:10
b. What excuses have you given in the past for not accepting God's call to join Him in His mission?
c. What can we learn from the LORD's response to the excuses given by Moses? Exodus 4:11-17
d. What excuse did Moses give for not circumcising his son? (Exodus 4:24-26) Why was this circumcision important?
e. What additional confirmation of His presence did the LORD provide through Aaron, the older brother of Moses? Exodus 4:27-28
f. What are your thoughts about the initial response of the children of Israel when they heard of God's plan for their deliverance? Exodus 4:29-31
g. What is your response to God's plan for your deliverance? Psalm 50:15, Romans 10:13