

Key Verse  
Col. 3:23

## Protestant Work Ethic

The basis of what the world calls the Protestant Work Ethic is Colossians 3:23, which means wherever there is true Christianity (people who live by the Bible), there is a higher level of morality, honesty, and a better work productivity. The Bible teaches Christians to do their work as unto God, not just for the boss or others to see, nor to get a paycheck, but to do everything to the best of their ability for God. This is important for those who desire to live for God.

### ■ “All ground is holy” ■

Wherever God is—is holy ground. For the Christian, every bush is a burning bush and every task a holy task. In everything we do, God is present and we serve Him. Whether it is a household chore, a classroom, work place, or wherever; God’s presence makes every place holy, and every task divine.

Scriptures to read before next Sunday

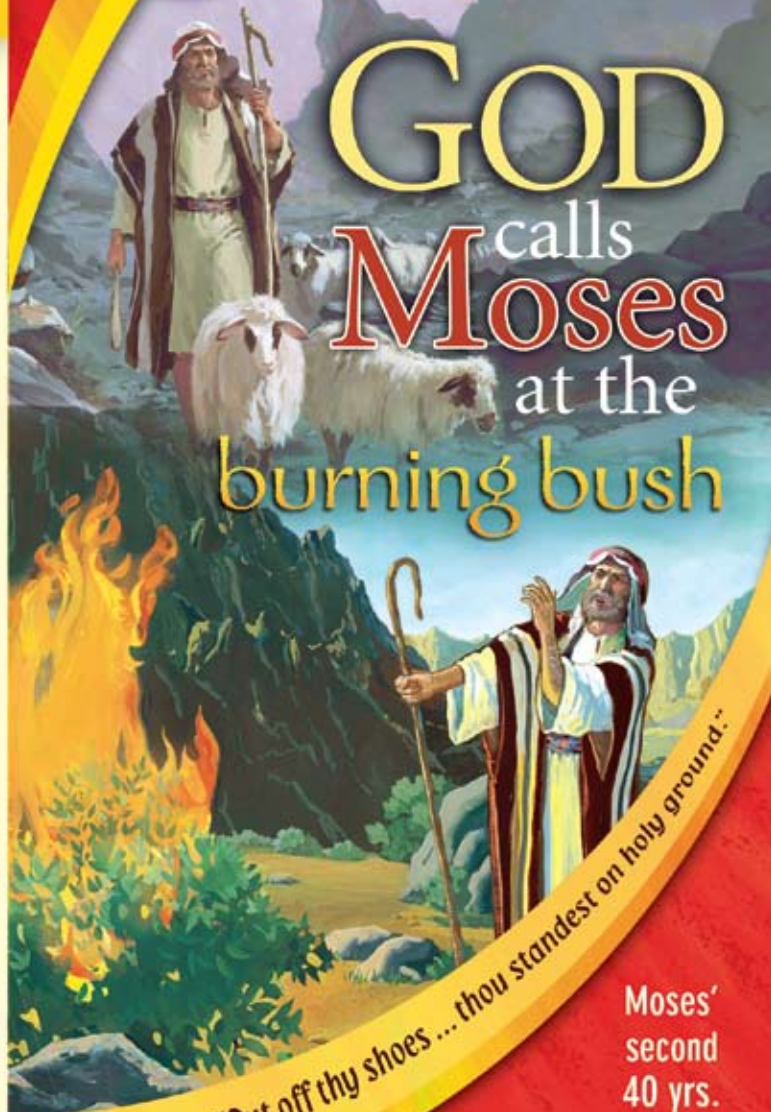
Exodus 4:29–7:14

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Whatsoever ye do,  
do it heartily,  
as to the Lord,  
and not unto men.

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## Moses I Egypt to Sinai Compass



# GOD

calls  
**Moses**  
at the  
burning bush

“Put off thy shoes ... thou standest on holy ground.”

Moses’  
second  
40 yrs.



# God PREPARES Moses

In Egypt, Moses was “mighty in words and in deeds”—Acts 7:22, which means he spoke Egyptian fluently and was recognized as a leader with great ability. But that was now past.

Moses spent his second 40 years as a shepherd on the backside of the Sinai desert. This was a humbling experience for a man highly educated in Egypt and accustomed to the rich lifestyle of Pharaoh’s palace.

Taking care of sheep, Moses resigned himself to a lowly shepherd’s life. He had time to get unhooked from Egypt’s false philosophies and to develop a close relationship with the Lord.

Moses probably thought he’d be taking care of sheep the rest of his life. But God was teaching him humility and preparing him to deliver the Hebrews out of bondage. Forty years went by. And at 80 years of age, God was ready to use him.

Sometimes God puts a person in a lowly place for a long time just to humble him.

## Moses’ 5 responses to God’s call

**1 Moses** “God, who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

God: “I’ll go with you and bring you again to this place when you come out.”

**2 Moses** “What is your name? That I shall tell the Hebrews and Pharaoh.”

God: Tell them **“I AM THAT I AM”**

**3 Moses** “They will not believe me.”

God: You show these 3 signs (miracles) —rod to serpent, leprous hand, water to blood.

**4 Moses** “I can’t speak well.”

God: “Who made man’s mouth? I did. Can I not help you?”

**5 Moses** “God, can’t you send some one else?”  
And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he was told that Aaron would be his spokesman.

## The Great I AM

“...say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you”—Exodus 3:14.

God said to Moses, **“I AM THAT I AM”** (translated Jehovah, in English). This is a most unusual name for God. The name is reverent and majestic, for He is the great, eternal, self-existing One, before all things, without beginning and without end, by Him all things consist, and He knows the end from the beginning.

Jesus also used the title **I AM** when He said, “Before Abraham was, **I AM**”—John 8:58.