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LOOKING AHEAD

This quarter covers the theme of honoring God through obedience to His Word. When God's people obey Him because they love Him, they truly worship and show His love, mercy, and grace in a society lost in sin.

The first unit is titled "Beginning with Obedience." Lesson 1 covers God's calling Moses to obediently lead the enslaved Israelites out of Egypt. Lesson 2 highlights the holy feast day of Pass-over Israel was commanded to remember. In lesson 3, we will study Israel's promise to follow all God commanded them to do.

Lessons 4 through 9 are in unit II, which is titled "Obedience in Worship." In those lessons, we will study how the people of Israel learned to obey God in their worship of Him. They learned to worship God alone with honor and respect. Lessons 6 through 9 focus on the building of the tabernacle and the rules for offerings and feasts.

In the last unit titled "Obedience in Society," lessons 10 through 13 will look at the importance of obeying God so that His mercy, grace, love, and holiness will shine out to others in this world for His honor and glory.

—Don Ruff.

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Scripture Lesson Text

EXOD. 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, 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.

2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people

which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I *am* come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 And Moses said unto God, Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this *shall* be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

NOTES

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Obedience in Leadership

Lesson Text: Exodus 3:1-12

Related Scriptures: *Joshua 1:1-9; Judges 6:11-16; I Samuel 15:10-26; I Chronicles 17:1-14; John 17:1-5*

TIME: 1445 B.C.

PLACE: Mount Sinai

GOLDEN TEXT—"I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt" (Exodus 3:10).

LESSON STUDY

When someone begins talking about Moses, what do you immediately think about? If you are like most people, you probably think of Moses leading the Hebrew people through the Red Sea or of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments. Did you know that neither of those things happened until Moses was over eighty years old? Moses is one of the most familiar characters of the Old Testament, but he was a very imperfect and reluctant servant of God.

Moses' life centers around a few dramatic events. He grew up in the Egyptian royal palace, the adopted son of the pharaoh's daughter. He later fled Egypt because he killed an Egyptian taskmaster who was beating a Hebrew slave. He journeyed east beyond the Sinai peninsula to Midian. He married a Midianite woman and began a family. Moses became a shepherd and took care of his father-in-law's flocks.

BURNED BUT NOT CONSUMED— Exod. 3:1-3

Moses had taken Jethro's flock to the west, journeying into the Sinai peninsula, an area with which Moses probably had become familiar. He arrived at a mountain called Horeb (also known as Sinai). This would not be the last time God would lead Moses to this particular location.

At Horeb a peculiar thing happened. "The angel of the Lord appeared" to Moses "in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush" (vs. 2). God got Moses' attention in a spectacular way. Moses had probably seen bushes on fire before, but this one was different. The fire was not consuming the bush!

Moses decided to investigate more thoroughly. He wondered why the bush was not being consumed. A fire that engulfed a bush yet did not destroy the bush was worth investigating. This was an extraordinary phenomenon!

CLOSE BUT NOT TOO CLOSE— Exod. 3:4-6

Moses was not merely seeing something phenomenal, he was also about to hear something phenom-