



RISING above Self

Exodus 3-4

Sunday 30th August 2026

RISING above Self (Exodus 3-4)

- 1) After the burning bush encounter (Exo.3)
- 2) Answers from God despite our excuses (Exo.4:1-17)
- 3) Arise in God's Presence and Power (Exo.7-12...)

1) After the burning bush encounter (Exo.3:2-5)

2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

Identity:

Exo.3:11 But Moses said to God, “**Who am I** that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

Exo.3:12 And God said, “**I will be with you**. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you...”

Who is the Sender?

Exo.3:13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘**What is his name?**’ Then what shall I tell them?”

Exo.3:14 God said to Moses, “**I am who I am.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

“I AM WHO I AM” reveals

- God’s self-existence
- God’s eternal presence
- God’s unchanging nature

Who is the Sender?

Exo.3:15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, **the God of your fathers**—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from **generation to generation**.”

	40 year old Moses	80 year old Moses
Training ground	Pharaoh's palace	Midian's wilderness
Position	Adopted son to Pharaoh's daughter	Shepherd
Eloquence	Educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action (Acts 7:22).	Slow of speech and tongue (Exo.4:10)
God's chosen to set the Israelites free from Egypt	Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them (Acts 7:25)	"Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" (Exo.3:11)

Awaken
from
Within



2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this
treasure in
earthen vessels,
that the excellence
of the power may be
of *God*, and
not of us.



God's power is made perfect
in our weakness.

His light shines through us.

2) Answers from God despite our excuses (Exo.4:1-9)

1 Moses answered, “**What if** they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you’?”

Signs:

#1 staff turned into snake and vice versa (v.4)

#2 skin turned leprous and restored (v.6-7)

#3 water from Nile and pour on dry ground become blood (v.9)

2) Answers from God despite our excuses (Exo.4:10-12)

10 Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have **never been eloquent**, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am **slow of speech and tongue**.”

11 The Lord said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now go; I will **help you speak** and will **teach you what to say**.”

2) Answers from God despite our excuses (Exo.4:13-15)

13 But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please **send someone else.**”

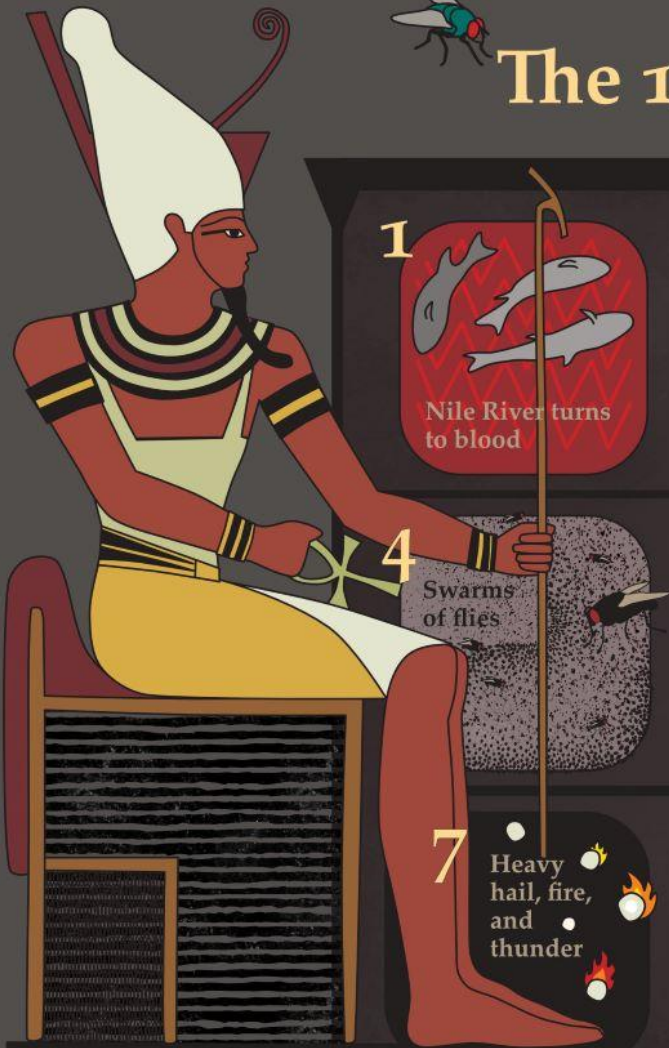
14 Then the Lord’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? **I know** he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you.

15 You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; **I will help** both of you speak and **will teach you what to do.**

God's Holy Spirit

- for the Holy Spirit will **teach you** at that time what you should say. (Luke 12:12)
- But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will **teach you** all things and will **remind you** of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)
- 19 But when they arrest you, do not worry about **what** to say or **how** to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, 20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father **speaking through you**. (Matt.10:19-20)

The 10 Plagues of Egypt



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The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them.

Exodus 7:5 ESV

3) Arise in God's Presence and Power (Exo.7-12)

Israel's rescue came by **God's power**, not Moses' strength.

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Parting of the Red Sea

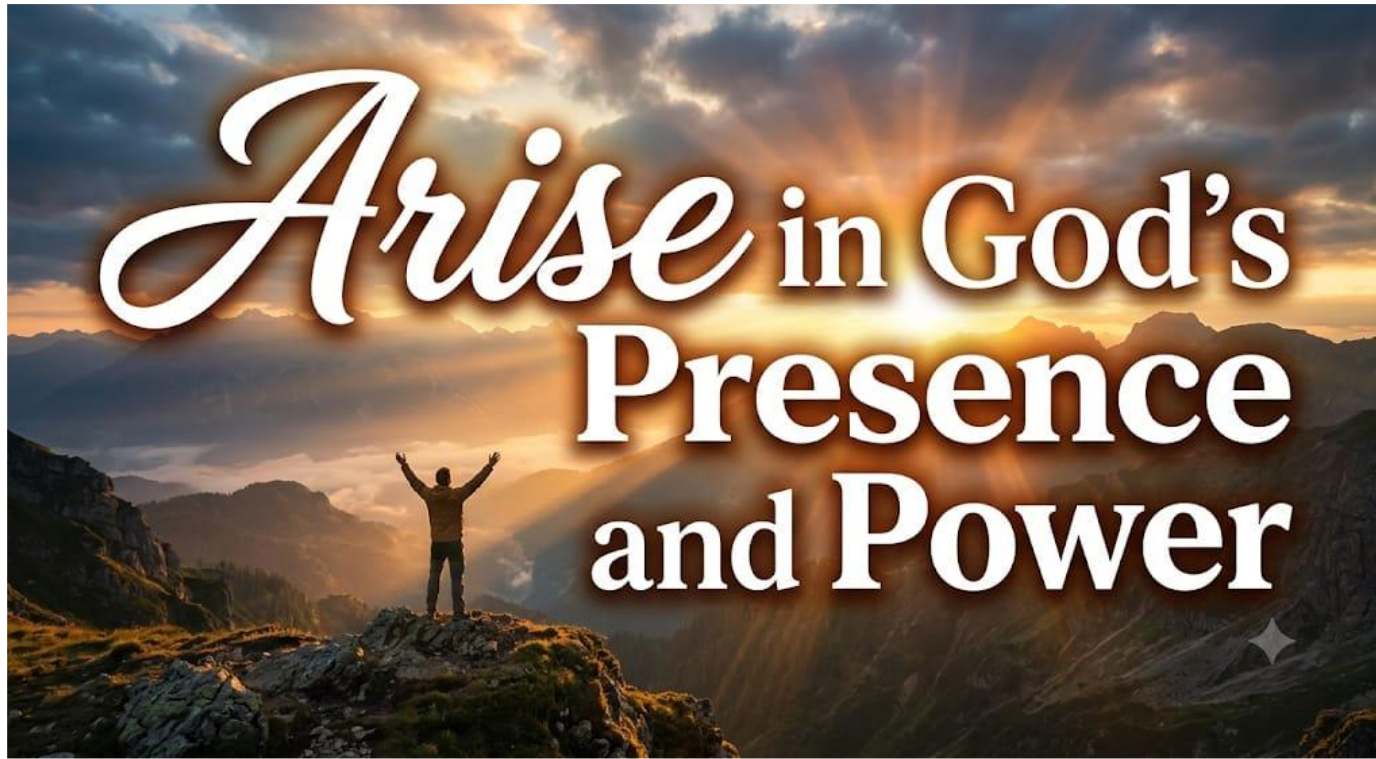
13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. **Stand firm** and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.

14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to **be still**."

3) Arise in God's Presence and Power (Exo.14)

Exo.33:11 The Lord would speak to Moses **face to face**, as one speaks to a **friend** (The Tent of meeting)

Moses desired **God's Presence** more than miracles
(Exo.33:14-17)



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