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## English Sermons

### Encounter with God

(Exodus 3:1 – 4:17)

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# **Sermon Outline**

**A. Preparations for Encounter with God**

**B. Purposes of Encounter with God**

**C. Power of Encounter with God**

**D. Promises in God's Encounter**

# A. Preparations for Encounter with God

## 1. Awareness of God's Presence (Exodus 3:3)

- Do you not know that your body is the temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:19)

## 2. Awareness of our Unconfessed Sins (Exodus 3:5-6)

- Do not grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)

## 3. Awareness of our Excuses (Exodus 3:11, 13; 4:1, 10)

- Who am I? What if...

## **B. Purposes of Encounter with God**

### **1. To deliver the Afflicted (Exodus 3:8-10)**

- Israelites Oppressed (bondage of sin)**

### **2. To bless the Afflicted (Exodus 3:8, 17)**

- Promised Land (Heaven)**

**Salvation is not merely getting men out of Hell into Heaven**

- God in Burning Bush (Holy Spirit in us)**

**Salvation is to get God out of Heaven into men**

# **C. Power of Encounter with God**

## **1. Power of His Presence (Exodus 3:12-14)**

– His presence with us is the most important message in Exodus Chapter 3

## **2. Power of His Word (Exodus 3:15-21)**

– His word should be used to double check any messages we receive

## **3. Power of His Image (Exodus 4:1-9)**

– His image in us helps people to know that we represent God and have God's Spirit in us

# Chiastic / Parallel Structure in Exodus 3

A. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* **holy** ground (3:5)

B. I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob (3:6)

- Deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptian (3:8a)
- To a land flowing with milk and honey (3:8B)
- I will send you to **Pharaoh** (3:9)

C. I will certainly be with you (3:12)

B. I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob (3:16)

- I will bring you out of affliction of Egypt (3:17A)
- To a land flowing with milk and honey (3:17B)
- You and the elders of Israel shall come to the **king of Egypt** (3:18A)

A. let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may **sacrifice** to the LORD our God (3:18B)

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## D. Promises in God's Encounter

1. Our adequacy comes from God (2 Corinthians 3:5)
  - Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
2. “Now, go!” (Exodus 4:12)



# Summary

**A. Preparations for Encounter with God**

**B. Purposes of Encounter with God**

**C. Power of Encounter with God**

**D. Promises in God's Encounter**

**Challenge: When God calls you, trust  
his promises and go for it!**

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