

**THE HUMBLING CALL OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**EXODUS 3:1-15**

- Intro:
1. Many have turned aside to participate in a church ordinance, the mystique / spirituality of a different service.
  2. Something different, out of the ordinary was Moses' discovery when he turned aside to see the burning bush.
  3. Does God really have your attention today? Will you, as Moses, heed God's call to special service as we look into Exodus 3 to hear God call much as Jesus called us to honor this "memorial to all generations."

Prop: **You Need to Receive the Calling of Communion.**

**I. By Committing to Personal Holiness (3:1-6).**

1. v.2, "the Angel of the Lord" = pre-incarnate Christ (Heb.1:4)  
v.5, "Holy" = set apart (Rom.6:20-23; 1<sup>st</sup>Cor.6:9-12;19-20)
2. Our holiness is completely dependent on a personal faith in God's salvation.
3. This was Moses' conversion experience!  
He had a family heritage of faith through being an Israelite; but, he needed a heavenly family of faith through a personal encounter with God. (Ro 14:12 "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.")  
This is a symbol of Moses coming to God on God's terms. Likewise, the communion table was set by Jesus as a symbol of man's only approach to God on the terms of Jesus' shed blood and broken body (Luke 22:19-20).
4. The Hymn so aptly sings: "I need no other argument, I need no other plea; It is enough that Jesus died and that he died for me."
5. Friend, are you lost as Moses was lost and wondering, searching, and ready to receive God's holiness on the terms of His Son, Jesus Christ? Believer, will you stop to realize that you are the temple of God and your life should be holy!

**II. By Claiming God's Help (3:7-12)**

1. v.8, "deliver" = to snatch away; rescue; save (Lk.19:10; 21:36)  
v.10, "send" = to stretch out; extend; direct
2. The help of the infinite God gives man infinite potential.
3. "Who am I?" said Moses; "I will be with thee." replied God. Philip.4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

4. "Self-help" this and "Do-it-yourself" that—all seem so great on the surface; But, where I've seen results in building projects or weight-loss programs is where help is claimed as an extension of another's resourcefulness.
5. Just as the token of returning to that mountain to worship the God of deliverance (vs.12) was an act of worship as well as a call to action, so your returning to the table Communion today is a personal returning to the God and reclaim that help from above. The call of today for you is to claim God's help!

**III. By Uplifting God's Precious Name (3:13-15)**

1. v.14, "I AM" = to exist  
v.15, "the LORD" [Yehovah] = self-existent one  
v.15, "God" [Elohim] = supreme God, plural (Father/Son/H.S.)  
v.15, "for ever" [owlam] = concealed; the vanishing point (time out of mind, past or future)  
v.15, "memorial" = a memento; a recollection
2. Memorials of the past are honored by proclamations of today.
3. Jesus reminds us in Luke 21:33-38 that His words are important to be proclaimed and Luke 24:46-48—all that a believer does will be given power in the NAME OF Christ!
4. When I go into a place where I'm not comfortable (as Moses was about to go), to encounter a people I'm not sure of (as Moses was about to encounter), I like to know someone who has a name that transcends the uncertainty.
5. Dear soul, today, will you call on the name above all names, Jesus Christ to forgive you of all your sins, give you new life and help you to approach anyone in this earthly realm in His power  
-- Ac 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."  
-- Php 2:10 "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;"

Every believer is invited to partake of the cup and the bread of this communion table. But, have you examined your heart and truly received the **Calling of Communion:**

**I. By Committing to Personal Holiness**

**II. By Claiming God's Help**

**III. By Uplifting God's Precious Name**

Will you come today and receive Jesus as your personal Savior?  
Will you come to make a new commitment by joining this church?  
Will you come for baptism to publicly proclaim His name?