

## HAS GOD VISITED YOU LATELY

## EXODUS 3:16-22

- Intro:
1. Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention, the honorable and esteemed...is now entering the room.
  2. Even such an introduction wouldn't make much difference unless the person entering had some known clout.
  3. When a person has the hand and blessing of God upon them, as Moses clearly did in Exodus 3:16-22, then others will indeed sit up and take notice.

Prop: **You Ought to Walk Under God's Calling!**

### I. Because Others Will Give Attention to HIS Authority (3:16-18).

1. v.16, "Elders of Israel"=heads of families/tribes(cf.6:14,15,25-27)  
v.17, "Hearken" = to hear with attention or interest
2. The authority by which we speak will determine the impact of what we speak.
3. James 5:10, "Behold the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord" (cf. Amos 3:7)
  - o They spoke God's Message. (Personal opinion is not at issue)
  - o They spoke Authoritatively. (We can stand firm on His Word)
  - o They spoke for God's Agenda. (Worship of God was the goal)
4. As a student at [Piedmont Baptist College](#), I was at times called on to call the chapel service to order, give announcements for the day and open in prayer. It was by no means this shy, timid bible college student to whom people paid attention, it was the authority of the President and Dean of the college that made everyone sit up and listen.
5. Folks, will you come into this assembly, into the realm of your everyday world, speaking in your name with frustration? Or, are you ready to surrender your lips, your posture, your agenda to the Lord Jesus and speak with His Authority?

### II. Because Others Will Sense His Mighty Movements (3:19-20)

1. v.19 Pharaoh's "Mighty hand" = strong, stout, severe  
v.20 God's hand "stretch out" = to extend, direct, let loose
2. Human rejection of God's plan does not mean a nullification of God's work.
3. Psalm 2 illustrates God's unstoppable movements and man's irrelevant rejections.

4. I like the catch phrase that has resonated in Southern Baptist life for over a decade, "Let's find out where God is working and get in on it!"
5. Friends, I challenge you today to take a second look at your own heart before you reject God's servant doing God's work when God's hand of blessing is very obviously stretched forth over that ministry.

### III. Because Some Show Favor to God's Called People (3:21-22)

1. v.22, "Borrow" [Heb., sa-al] = to be given on request; to ask (not expected to return—see Deut. 15:12,13)
2. God sometimes moves in the hearts of the worldly to benefit God's called servants.
3. This was a reassurance of the fulfillment of the promise God made to Abraham to bring his descendants out of Egypt in great wealth (Gen. 15:13,14).
4. Have you ever had a lost person tell you they are thankful for the work of God, even give a contribution to the church.
5. Dear brother/sister, I challenge you to be bold in your stand for God's work and way because your opposition is ultimately held under the sway of the powerful prayer of Jesus Christ in John 17:15, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

**Walk Under God's Calling today, as you will be given attention, others will see God's mighty hand around you, and some will even show favor.**