

Kings Norton Baptist Church

Sunday 3rd November 2024 10 am

God's call

Opening Scripture

Hymn MP 237 Holy, Holy, Holy

Scripture Isaiah 6 (page 690)

Prayer

Children's talk Hearing the call

Chorus MP 233 His Name is higher than any other

Notices

Prayer

Lord's prayer, Offering prayer

Reading Exodus 3:1-12 (page 59) (see Acts 7)

Hymn MP 476 My Lord what love is this

Sermon *The Lord's call*

Hymn MP 857 I the Lord of sea and sky

Closing prayer

Prayer

Last time in Exodus 2 we saw how the Lord supernaturally saved Moses from death. – Now we will see why.

Here we are in Exodus 3, eighty years later, the Lord is unfolding his purpose for Moses' life. Today we will look at how the Lord calls Moses – and how he commissioned him to be the means of saving His people.

During those long years in between, Moses has left pharaohs court having decided to give up the pleasures of Egypt - and aligned himself with his suffering fellow Israelites. He's not forgotten his true identity. He wants to help them, but actually makes a mess of it. He kills an Egyptian as if that is going to help. When that's discovered, he runs. All this is recalled by Stephen in Acts 7 just prior to his martyrdom. He says that when the murder was discovered **he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.** Yes, it's a bit of a summary!

The truth is he was there for forty years. Not a lot was happening! **1 Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian.** Shepherding is a far from glammers job. All those long monotonous days and nights, nothing seemed

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神的呼召

開篇經文

聖詩 **MP 237** 聖哉，聖哉，聖哉

聖經以賽亞書 **6** (第 **690** 頁)

禱告

孩子們的談話 聽到呼喚

合唱 **MP 233** 他的名字比任何其他人

通知

禱告

主禱文、獻祭禱告

讀出埃及記 **3:1-12** (第 **59** 頁) (參考使徒行傳 **7**)

聖詩 **MP 476** 主啊，這是什麼愛

講道 主的呼召

聖詩 **MP 857** 我是海天之主

結束祈禱

禱告

上次在出埃及記第二章中，我們看到主如何超自然地將摩西從死亡中拯救出來。 – 現在我們來看看為什麼。

八十年後，我們來到出埃及記第 **3** 章，主正在揭示祂對摩西一生的旨意。今天我們將看看主如何呼召摩西，以及祂如何委託祂來拯救祂的子民。

在這漫長的歲月裡，摩西離開了法老王宮廷，決定放棄埃及的享樂，並與受苦受難的以色列同胞結盟。他沒有忘記自己的真實身分。他想幫助他們，但實際上卻把事情搞砸了。他殺死了一個埃及人，好像這會有所幫助。當這被發現時，他就跑了。司提反在使徒行傳第 **7**

章中在他殉道之前回憶起這一切。他說，謀殺案被發現後 **29**

他逃到米甸，並作為外國人定居在那裡，並育有兩個兒子。是的，這是一個總結！

事實是他在那裡待了四十年。並沒有發生太多事情！
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to happen, he just wandered around. But the Lord was preparing him. Please remember nothing is wasted in the Lord's purposes.

And then on one day, a day much like any other – there's to be an encounter that will change his life forever. He is about to meet with the living God. He's never the same again.

■ Elizabeth became Queen on the death of her father George VI. She was in Kenya when the call came through and she knew her life would never be the same again. So too when Charles, having being told of the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth would now be King. When the call came - they knew what they should do. For them, it was all expected.

But when the Lord calls a man or woman it is not expected. Moses' life up to that point has been mundane and aimless. But the Lord God was in the meantime sovereignly arranging everything. Moses **led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.** So here in the southern end of the Sinai Peninsula the Lord is to meet with him.

It is here that this divine call comes: That is the title this morning: God's call. This is in two parts God's self-revelation - and God's commission.

⇒ If you like three 'C' God's Call, God's Character, God's Commission

God's Character – God's self-revelation

How would he do it? 2 **There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush.** - the angel of the LORD, here is the second person of the Trinity, the Angel, the Pre-incarnate Jesus, a theophany were the Lord appears, the one who is himself Yahweh, the God of the OT. It was an extraordinary manifestation of the divine presence and glory.

in flames of fire, in a fire – but it was a very different, a very unusual fire. **Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.**

This was no crackling fire, the burning bush was not consumed. The flame was self-maintaining. It did not need anything to feed it. it was self-sustaining - as God is self-sustaining.

3 **So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight— why the bush does not burn up."** The Lord draws him to himself.

Holy fire is an emblem of the purity of God, a fire that holds sinners at bay. The Lord said that **after he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.** Ge 3:24

It is with fire that the Lord judges, and punishes the

摩西牧養岳父米甸祭司葉特羅的羊群。牧羊是一項遠非光彩的工作。那些漫長而單調的日日夜夜，似乎什麼也沒發生，他只是四處閒逛。但主正在預備他。請記住，在主的旨意中，沒有任何事是浪費的。

然後有一天，和其他日子一樣的一天——將會有一場邂逅永遠改變他的人生。他即將與永生神見面。他再也不像以前了。

伊莉莎白在她父親喬治六世去世後成為女王。當電話打來時，她正在肯亞，她知道她的生活將不再一樣。當查爾斯得知他的母親伊麗莎白女王去世的消息後，現在將成為國王時，情況也是如此。當電話打來時，他們知道自己該做什麼。對他們來說，這一切都在意料之中。

但當主呼召一個男人或女人時，這並不是預期的。到目前為止，摩西的生活是平凡而漫無目的的。但同時，主神正在主權地安排一切。摩西帶領羊群走到沙漠的另一邊，來到何烈山，上帝的山。因此，上主將在西奈半島南端與他會面。

正是在這裡，這個神聖的召喚到來了：這就是今天早上的標題：上帝的召喚。這分為兩部分：神的自我啟示和神的委託。

□ 如果你喜歡三個'C'

神的呼召、神的品格、神的使命

神的品格—神的自我啟示

他會怎麼做呢？ 2

耶和華的使者從荊棘裡的火焰中向他顯現。 - 主的天使，這裡是三位一體的第二位，天使，道成肉身前的耶穌，主顯現的神顯，祂自己就是耶和華，舊約的神。這是神聖臨在和榮耀的非凡體現。

在火焰中，在火中——

但這是一場非常不同、非常不尋常的火災。摩西看到荊棘雖然著火，但並沒有燒毀。

這不是劈啪作響的火焰，燃燒的灌木叢沒有被燒毀。火焰是自我維持的。它不需要任何東西來餵養牠。它是自我維持的——就像上帝是自我維持的一樣。

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摩西心裡想：“我要過去看看這奇怪的景象，為什麼荊棘沒有燒著呢？”主吸引他歸向自己。

聖火是上帝純潔的象徵，是阻止罪人的火焰。主說，他把那人趕出去後，在伊甸園的東邊安置了基路伯和來回閃爍的火焰劍，看守通往生命樹的道路。創

enemies of God - we read in Re 20:9 **fire came down from heaven and devoured them.**

This world and all its sin will be purged and purified with fire **the heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.** 2 Pe 3:10

It is fire that brought judgment and consumed the sacrifices 2 Ch 7:1 **When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. So it was in Lev 9/10, so it was at Mt Carmel.**

A consuming fire that burns up everything else that comes close - so God says 5 **"Do not come any closer, Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."**

We would do well to heed this warning. How many think they can wander into the presence of God. Without Christ the world is a world of darkness, bondage, and terror, and it is only the gospel that happily frees us, giving us boldness to enter into the holiest, and inviting us to draw near. Christ did away with the curtain, destroyed it so that a sinner can made clean and enter.

See how ready and willing Moses is to obey? See his solemn reverence: **At this, Moses hid his face** as one both ashamed and **afraid to look at God.**

He was not afraid of the burning bush, until he discovered that God was in it

Like Paul on the Damascus road, where a divine light dazzled his eyes.

Putting off the shoe was then what taken off our hat has been or bowing down, a token of respect and submission. For at this moment the ground is holy ground, made so by this special manifestation of the divine presence.

The more we see of God - the more cause we have to worship him with reverence and godly fear. How have you prepared yourself to meet with this God this morning?

"Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong." Ec 5:1. Our God is a consuming fire. Therefore, we must carefully avoid everything that looks light, or worldly or unbecoming of His presence.

When the Lord's calls a man or woman for his divine purpose he opens the eyes, he give that person a sight of himself. When Isaiah was called we read in Chap. 6 **I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.**" Isa 6:1

Isaiah had a coal taken from the alter to purify him

3:24

主用火審判並懲罰神的敵人—我們在《啟**20:9**》中讀到，火從天上降下來，吞噬了他們。

這世界及其所有的罪將被火淨化，天空將在咆哮中消失；元素將被火摧毀，大地和其中的一切都將暴露無遺。 **2 體育 3:10**

審判的乃是火，燒盡了祭物。那是在列弗 **9/10**，那是在迦密山。

烈火會燒毀所有靠近的東西 - 所以神說 **5**

“不要再靠近，脫下你的鞋，因為你所站的地方是聖地。”

我們最好留意這個警告。有多少人認為他們可以漫步到上帝的面前。沒有基督，世界就是一個黑暗、束縛和恐怖的世界，只有福音才能快樂地釋放我們，給我們勇氣進入至聖所，並邀請我們靠近。基督除去了幔子，毀壞了它，以便罪人可以潔淨並進入。

看到摩西多麼準備好並願意服從嗎？請看他莊嚴的敬意：此時，摩西搗著臉，一副既羞愧又害怕的樣子，不敢看神。

他不怕燃燒的荊棘，直到他發現上帝就在其中就像保羅在大馬士革路上一樣，神聖的光芒使他眼花撩亂。

脫掉鞋子就是脫掉帽子或鞠躬，表示尊重和服從。因為此時此刻，這片土地是神聖的土地，這是由於神聖臨在的特殊顯現而造成的。

我們越了解上帝，就越需要以敬畏和敬虔的敬畏來敬拜祂。今天早上你準備好迎接這位上帝了嗎？

「當你去神的殿時要小心腳步。走近去聽，而不是獻上愚人的祭品，因為他們不知道自己做錯了。傳道書 **5:1**。我們的神是烈火。因此，我們必須小心避免一切看起來輕淡、世俗或與祂的同在不相稱的事物。

當主為了祂神聖的目的呼召一個男人或女人時，祂會打開眼睛，讓那個人看到祂自己。當以賽亞被呼召時，我們在第一章讀到。 **6**

我看見主坐在寶座上，高高在上，他的袍子充滿了聖殿。賽 **6:1**

以賽亞從祭壇上取出一塊煤炭來淨化他，使他適合為王服務。正如耶穌所說：“除非我洗淨你，否則你與我無份”

摩西莊嚴宣告說：**6**

and make him fit for Royal service. As Jesus said, “unless I wash you – you have no part with me”

To Moses comes the solemn declaration: 6 **"I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."**

He will be known as the God of his father, his pious father Amram, and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, his ancestors, and the ancestors of all Israel – and for us the people of faith Abraham is our father.

But this is not looking back to the patriarchs - but looking forward. As Jesus said: **“in the account of the bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’. He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”** Lu 20:37,38 and also Mr 12:26, Mt 22:31

■ Alan Cutler a faithful longstanding servant at BCM passed away last week. A previous chairman of the board Rev Ray Price’s funeral was also last week. Which Christians do you know who have passed away?

Where are they now? They are more alive than ever.

■ The Chicago Pastor D.L. Moody said “when people speak of my death, don’t believe a word of it, I will never have been so alive”. When a gradual illness took hold and began to slip away again he said “Is this death? This is not bad; there’s no valley, this is bliss, this is glorious.”

God there showed Moses - and in him to us. That although Abraham was considered dead, and yet as God IS the God of Abraham; therefore Abraham’s soul lives, and his body will live again in due time. This promise made to the fathers, that God would be their God must include a future happiness; for he has prepared for them a city, he is not ashamed to be called their God, Heb 11:16; Ac 26:6-7; 24:15. Christ brings people from death away from God - to life with God.

⇒ If you are in Christ then you have eternal life - for he is the eternal life.

God’s call

4 ... God called to him from within the bush ... God called to him

There are two types of call, a general call. And a specific call

■ At the airport you hear the call to the departure gates “will passengers make their way to Gate 35”. But then there’s the shock when your name x2 is called out. Ever had that?

The general call is where all are called, all are summoned, men, women, boys and girls to come to God and receive his mercy in Jesus Christ. You have

“我是你父親的神，是亞伯拉罕的神，以撒的神，雅各的神。”

他將被稱為他父親的上帝，他虔誠的父親阿摩蘭，亞伯拉罕、以撒和雅各的上帝，他的祖先，以及所有以色列的祖先——

對我們來說，信仰亞伯拉罕是我們的父親。

但這並不是回顧先輩們——

而是展望未來。正如耶穌所說：「在荊棘的記述中，摩西也表明死人復活，因為他稱主為『亞伯拉罕的神、以撒的神、雅各的神』。他不是死人的神，而是活人的神，因為對他來說，一切都是活的。路

20:37,38 及先生 12:26, 太 22:31

BCM 忠實的長期僕人艾倫·卡特勒 (Alan Cutler) 上週去世了。前董事會主席雷·普萊斯牧師的葬禮也在上週舉行。你認識哪些已經過世的基督徒？

他們現在在哪裡？

他們比以往任何時候都更有活力。

芝加哥牧師

D.L.穆迪說：「當人們談論我的死時，不要相信其中的任何一個字，我永遠不會這麼活著」。當逐漸的疾病發作並開始再次消失時，他說：“這就是死亡嗎？這還不錯；沒有山谷，這是極樂，這是光榮。”

上帝在那裡向我們展示了摩西——

並在他身上。儘管亞伯拉罕被認為已經死了，神就是亞伯拉罕的神；因此亞伯拉罕的靈魂活了，到了適當的時候，他的身體也會活過來。對祖先所做的「上帝將成為他們的上帝」的承諾必須包括未來的幸福；因為祂為他們預備了一座城，祂稱為他們的神，並不以為恥，來 **11:16**；徒 **26:6-7**；

24:15。基督將人從死亡中帶離上帝，並與上帝同在。

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□

如果你在基督裡，那麼你就有永生——因為祂就是永生。

神的呼召

4 ...上帝從灌木叢中呼喚他...上帝呼喚他

呼叫有兩種類型，一種是普通呼叫。以及具體的調用

在機場，您會聽到登機口的呼叫「旅客請前往 **35** 號登機口」。但當你的名字 **x2**

被叫出來時，你會感到震驚。有過這樣的經驗嗎？

普遍呼召是所有人都被召喚，所有人，男人、女人、男孩和女孩來到上帝面前並在耶穌基督裡接受祂的憐

that here every Sunday. God calls you through the proclamation or speaking of the gospel. He personally addresses his creatures, graciously and patiently calling them to turn to him and trust in his mercy in Christ.

As you hear the Lord's words some - through God's Sovereign choosing - will receive His Spirit. The moment the Lord's Spirit comes on you - you will, like that woman at the well, drop your water jar and run back to tell everyone of what has just happened and whom you have just seen.

Without the specific call to you as an individual you will remain in unbelief. Without the awakening of Christ's spirit in you then you will not respond when you hear the gospel of free salvation. You may hear it again and again, week by week, year by year as some of you have, and yet nothing has happened, there's been no change, there's been no stirring, no response.

But the moment the Lord works, you are awakened, you're aware of a presence, something has happened that you cannot ignore.

■ Laptop at the conference a noisy room like a train station, but I had pretty successfully shut it all out. But then several children started to run around the table playing cat and mouse screaming as they went. That I could not ignore, it had broken through.

Moses experience God's effective call, God's summons, he is drawn, he is enabled, the result is repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

It is a specific call

"**Moses! Moses!**" God called him by name - repeated Moses, Moses, for emphasis. As the Lord said to Jacob, Samuel, Martha, Simon, Saul, It is you, (see general.doc)

With the call comes an overwhelming sense of the glory of the God. It is a clear and remarkable moment. The result is life changing.

■ If you have a sentimental view of God, then you haven't encountered God as He is. If you see God as remote, then you haven't encountered God as He is. If there's never been a tear, if you've never cried or grieved or been broken then you haven't encountered God as He really is.

The response

This is the call that effects change - Moses's obedient answer, his only answer, the only answer is "**Here I am.**"

As with Samuel who said: "**Here I am**". As with Isaiah when he sees the Lord's Glory in heaven responds "**Here am I, send me**" the mark of the genuine call.

憫。每個週日你都可以在這裡得到。神透過宣講或講福音來呼召你。祂親自向祂的受造物講話，仁慈而耐心地呼喚他們轉向祂並相信祂在基督裡的憫。

當你聽到主的話時，有些人——透過神的主權選擇——會接受祂的靈。當主的靈臨到你身上的那一刻，你就會像井邊的那個婦人一樣，丟下水罐，跑回去告訴大家剛剛發生的事情，以及你剛剛看到的人。

如果沒有對你個人的具體呼召，你將仍然不信。如果你裡面基督的靈沒有覺醒，那麼當你聽到白白救恩的福音時，你就不會做出反應。你可能會像你們中的一些人一樣，周而復始、年復一年地聽到它，但什麼也沒有發生，沒有改變，沒有激動人心，沒有回應。

但當主工作的那一刻，你就被喚醒，你意識到祂的存在，你無法忽視的事情已經發生了。

會議中的筆記型電腦是一個像火車站一樣吵鬧的房間，但我相當成功地將其全部關閉。但隨後幾個孩子開始圍著桌子跑來跑去，玩著貓捉老鼠的遊戲，邊走邊尖叫。我無法忽視這一點，它已經突破了。

摩西經歷了神的有效呼召，神的召喚，他被吸引，他被賦予能力，結果就是悔改並相信耶穌基督。

這是一個特定的調用

“摩西！摩西！”上帝呼喚他的名字—重複摩西，摩西，以示強調。正如主對雅各、撒母耳、馬大、西門、掃羅所說，是你們，（參考 **general.doc**）

隨著呼召而來的是神的榮耀的壓倒性的感覺。這是一個清晰而非凡的時刻。結果改變了生活。

如果你對神抱持感性的看法，那麼你就沒有遇見神的本來面目。如果你認為神是遙遠的，那麼你就沒有遇過神本來的樣子。如果你從未流過眼淚，如果你從未哭泣、悲傷或破碎，那麼你就沒有遇見過真正的神。

回應

這就是帶來改變的呼喚——摩西順服的回答，他唯一的回答，唯一的回答就是「我在這裡」。

正如撒母耳所說：「我在這裡」。正如以賽亞看見主在天上的榮耀時，他回應說：“我在這裡，請差遣我”，這是真正呼召的標誌。

這絕不是一個含糊的呼召，它不會讓你不確定，它不會讓你感到疑惑，它是對特定任務的呼召——這是摩西一生的工作。

It's never a vague call, it does not leave you unsure, it does not leave you wondering, it is a call to a specific task – Here is Moses' life work.

■ How about you? What is your life's work? Do you know what the Lord has saved you for? How does he want to use you? Are you doing it? If He has called you - then He has a work for you, a work only for you.

Are you fearful? Do you have a sense of complete inadequacy? If you don't feel inadequate – then you haven't been called - for that is who he uses.

God's commission

As with every Christian, Moses' call is to be the Lord's servant. To be the Lord's instrument to rescue His people from slavery and bring them into His presence.

How was killing an Egyptian going to do that? How pathetic, so are all our attempts to do the Lord's work – without the Lord. With His way is His power, His ways are always right, they are always good and they bring Him praise!

7 The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. The Lord knows our sorrows, The Lord is concerned and He will act. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians. This speedy delivery is all the Lord's doing - salvation of the Lord – all of it! 8. and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—

This is what the Lord will do – and he will do it through Moses.

Why did Jesus come? let us be clear, the Lord came to save, to save sinners. This is salvation from the slavery of sin. This is deliverance that brings us into the land of freedom.

All of us as Christians are to be peacemakers, with one hand we hold our lost neighbour and friend and in their hopeless blind state bring them to the hand of Christ who can save and save for eternity. We are to be the bridge.

Christ came that you can exchange bondage for liberty, poverty for plenty, labour for rest. God by his grace delivers his people out of a spiritual Egypt he will bring to a heavenly Canaan.

Are you converted? Then the Lord has called you. - And he has commissioned you! Satan loves to find us idle; but God is pleased when he finds us employed for he has commissioned you to Go.

⇒ If Jesus is your Lord - then you will obey the great commission to Go.

10 "So now, go" say the Lord to Moses "I am sending

你呢？你一生的工作是什麼？你知道主拯救你的目的是什麼嗎？他想怎樣利用你？你在做嗎？如果他呼召了你——那麼他有一份工作要為你做，一項只為你而做的工作。

你害怕嗎？你是否有一種完全無力的感覺？如果你不覺得自己不夠好——那麼你就沒有被召喚——因為這就是他所使用的人。

神的託付

就像每個基督徒一樣，摩西的呼召是成為主的僕人。成為主的工具，將祂的子民從奴役中拯救出來，並將他們帶到祂的面前。

殺死一個埃及人怎麼能做到這一點？我們在沒有主的情況下做主的工作的所有嘗試都是多麼可悲啊。他的道路就是他的力量，他的道路永遠是正確的，它們永遠是美好的，它們帶給他讚美！

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耶和華說：「我的子民在埃及所受的苦難，我實在看見了。他們因奴僕的緣故而哀號，我也聽見了；我為他們的苦難擔憂。耶和華知道我們的痛苦，他關心我們，他也關心他們。 --

這就是主要做的事——他將透過摩西做這件事。

耶穌為什麼要來？我們要清楚，主來是為了拯救罪人。這是從罪的奴役中得救。這就是拯救，將我們帶入自由之地。

身為基督徒，我們所有人都應該成為和平締造者，用一隻手握著我們失去的鄰居和朋友，在他們絕望的盲目狀態下將他們帶到基督的手中，基督可以拯救並永遠拯救他們。我們要成為橋樑。

基督來了，你可以用奴役換取自由，用貧窮換取富裕，用勞動換取休息。神藉著祂的恩典將祂的百姓從屬靈的埃及拯救出來，帶入天上的迦南地。

你皈依了嗎？然後主就呼召了你。 -

他已經委託你了！撒但喜歡發現我們無所事事；但當上帝發現我們有工作時，祂會很高興，因為祂委託你去。

□ 如果耶穌是你的主 -

那麼你就會遵守去偉大的使命。

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耶和華對摩西說：“現在你可以去見法老，將我的百姓以色列人從埃及領出來。”所以他對你和我說——“所以現在就走吧”

you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” So he says to you and I - **“so now go”**

That doesn't necessary mean travel the world but to go out and speak. This call for Moses is a picture for every Christian. To be the means, to witness to the Saviour – and in this the Lord will bring his people out.

■ **Who will be in Heaven because you obeyed the Lord's call to go and to make disciples of all nations, starting here with your next door neighbour? How many will be in Hell because you didn't?**

As Moses tended sheep, so did David, The Lord Jesus the great shepherd was called to His task before time began in the eternal counsel of God. But the first to see the Lord where the shepherds, they had an encounter with the Lord, - not in a bush - but a stable, we read: **“When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,”** Lu 2:17

So finally let's sum up

From aimlessness to usefulness - Moses once wandering around with some sheep - was taken to now leading the greatest rescue in history.

Note God's timing - This account is recalled by Stephen in Acts 7 who says that Moses was:

1. 40 years in Egypt in Pharaohs household. 40 was used of a 'generation'
2. 40 years looking after sheep in Midian - How he must have been in turmoil wondering what the Lord was doing, if that is you then don't give up, don't give in, don't give way. Why does God so long delay in what he so long ago determined? Let us, like Moses, learn to wait.
3. 40 years in serving the Lord for at the end of Deuteronomy we see he died at the age of 120.

Sometimes it is a long time before God calls his servants to that work which he has from eternity past designed you for - and has been graciously preparing your for. Moses was born to be Israel's deliverer, and yet not a word is said of it to him till he is eighty years of age. He's being prepared.

So bear fruit in old age. It is time to give up the mundane task of tending sheep - for something far greater, to serve the King and his Kingdom.

⇒ **Not a strong body - but a prepared heart – that is what the Lord seeks.**

No those years are not wasted, Moses has learned the valuable lessons of patience and reliance. Moses was saved as an infant. The Lord watched over his life as he has watched over all our lives prior to the moment his call came and he revealed himself dramatically to us. And for all of us as Christians it

這並不一定意味著環遊世界，而是出去演講。對摩西的呼召是每個基督徒的寫照。成為向救主作見證的途徑—主將藉此將祂的子民帶出來。

誰會因為你聽從了主的呼召而上天堂，從你的隔壁鄰居開始，去使萬民成為門徒？有多少人會因為你沒有而下地獄？

正如摩西牧羊一樣，大衛也是如此，在上帝永恆的旨意中，主耶穌這位偉大的牧人在時間開始之前就被召喚去執行他的任務。但是，牧羊人是第一個見到主的地方，他們與主相遇，不是在灌木叢中，而是在馬廄裡，我們讀到：「他們一看見他，就把所告訴他們的事傳揚出去。

那麼最後我們總結一下

從漫無目的到有用處--

摩西曾經帶著一些羊四處遊蕩--

現在領導著歷史上最偉大的救援行動。

注意上帝的時間安排—司提反在《使徒行傳》第 7 章中回想起這段記載，他說摩西：

1. 在埃及法老王家裡生活了 40 年。 40 用於表示“一代”

2. 在米甸放羊 40 年 -

他一定很困惑，想知道主在做什麼，如果那是你，那麼不要放棄，不要屈服，不要讓步。為什麼上帝這麼久才延遲祂很久以前所決定的事呢？讓我們像摩西一樣，學會等待。

3. 事奉主 40 年，在申命記的末尾，我們看到他在 120 歲時去世。

有時，上帝要經過很長一段時間才能呼召祂的僕人去祂從亙古以來就為你設計的工作，並且一直在仁慈地為你做好準備。摩西生來就是以色列的拯救者，但直到他八十歲時才對他提起這件事。他正在做好準備。

故晚年結果。是時候放棄放羊的平凡任務了--為了更偉大的事情，為國王和他的王國服務。

□

主所尋求的不是強壯的身體，而是一顆預備好的心。不，那些年並沒有浪費，摩西已經學到了耐心和信賴的寶貴教訓。摩西在嬰兒時期就得救了。在祂的呼召到來並向我們戲劇性地顯現自己之前，主看顧了祂的

is for essentially the same task, to be His channel of salvation.

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

We all say that! Who is up to such a task!

⇒ When the Lord calls – the Lord equips, may no one ever say ‘no Lord’

12 And God said, "I will be with you. That is all we need x2

And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

The gospel work is to take that man who is as far away from God as can be, lost, alone in this world and bring them to the Lord God forever. From slavery in Egypt to **worship God on this mountain** or should we say Heaven

That is our calling as Christians, x2 let us all be faithful in our life's work.

END

一生，就像祂看顧了我們所有人的生活一樣。對我們所有基督徒來說，本質上是為了同樣的任務，成為祂救贖的管道。

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摩西對神說：“我是誰，竟能去見法老，將以色列人從埃及領出來呢？”我們都這麼說！誰能勝任這樣的任務！

□ 當主召喚時—主裝備，願無人說“不，主”

12 神說：「我將與你同在。這就是我們所需要的 **x2**

這就是我差遣你來的證據：當你將百姓從埃及領出來之後，你必在這山上敬拜上帝。

福音的工作就是把那些在世上遠離神、迷失、孤獨的人永遠帶到主神面前。從埃及的奴隸製到在這座山上敬拜上帝，或者我們應該說天堂

這是我們身為基督徒的呼召，**x2**

讓我們都忠於我們一生的工作。

結尾