

Moses' Five Excuses

1/5/97

Reading: [Luke 14:16-20](#)

Text: [Exodus 3:1-4:17](#)

Prayer

Introduction:

- A. Another New Year Challenge
- B. A resolution to make No Excuses!
 - 1. Who will live for God?
 - 2. Who will say, "Here am I, Send ME?!" [Isaiah 6:8](#)
- C. The Story of Moses before the Burning Bush--[Ex. 3:1-6](#)
 - 1. Moses was afraid and could not look at God,
 - 2. But not too afraid to make excuses.

#1 Who am I? v. 11-12

- A. What authority do I have? Why would anyone listen to me?
 - 1. God's answer--YOU are MY messenger.
 - 2. "I will be with you!"
- B. Jesus gave us the same call--
 - 1. [Mt. 28:18-20](#)--All authority is given to me, therefore YOU go.
 - 2. v. 20--I will be with you always.
- C. In 1997 Will you make this excuse?

#2 Who are YOU? v. 13-14

- A. What authority do YOU have? How can I trust you?
 - 1. "I AM WHO I AM" "I AM has sent me to you!" Self-existent.
 - 2. "I am the God of Abraham Isaac & Jacob."
- B. Jesus said to us--"I am the way . . ." [John 14:6](#)
 - 1. [John 6:35](#)--I am the bread of LIFE!
 - 2. [John 8:12](#)--I am the Light of the world!
 - 3. [John 10:7](#)--I am the Door
 - 4. [John 10:11](#)--I am the Good Shepherd
 - 5. [John 11:25](#)--I and the Resurrection and the Life
 - 6. [John 15:1](#)--I am the True Vine.
 - 7. [John 8:58](#)--Before Abraham was, I AM!
- C. In 1997 Will you make this excuse?

#3 They will not believe 4:1

- A. "I already said they wouldn't." [3:19](#)
 - 1. However, I have great proofs.--rod, hand, water
 - 2. God could also have said, "So what if they don't believe you?"
 - 3. God could have said, "Just do what you're told."
 - 4. God could have said, "Yours is not to ask why, but to do and die."

B. Jesus has told us the same thing.

- 1. [John 15:20](#)--If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.
- 2. [John 20:30-31](#) Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.
- 3. Maybe the real issue here is did Moses believe & DO WE REALLY BELIEVE?

C. In 1997 Will you make this excuse?

#4 I cannot speak 4:10-12

- A. Who made your mouth?
 - 1. [v. 11](#) Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?
 - 2. [v. 12](#) Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."
- B. Again a doubt in God's abilities--Jesus made it clear:
 - 1. One talent man--[Mt. 25:25](#) so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'
 - 2. Saying "I'm a one talent man." is saying:
 - a. I am afraid
 - b. I do not trust God
 - c. I would rather face God's wrath than try.
- C. In 1997 Will you make this excuse?

#5 Send Someone Else! 4:13

- A. [v. 15](#)-(Aaron) will teach you what YOU will do.
 - 1. I will give you another, but YOU are responsible.
 - 2. I will give you another speaker, but YOU have things to do.
- B. I can't recall Jesus every letting anyone off like this
 - 1. [Mt. 16:24](#) If ANYONE will follow me, deny self, take up cross
 - 2. [Mt. 10:39](#) WHOEVER finds his life will lose it, and
 - 3. [Mt. 10:39](#) WHOEVER loses his life for my sake will find it.
 - 4. [Mt. 10:32](#) WHOEVER confesses me before me (or denies)
 - 4. [1 Peter 3:15](#)--be PREPARED to give an answer
(No one asking?--maybe they don't see you having any hope?)
- C. In 1997 Will you make this excuse?
 - 1. Do we think that we can simply receive the promises?
 - 2. Do we think that we have no responsibility?