

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

MAY 1, 2024

EXODUS 4:24-26

INTRODUCTION: [READ TEXT]

1. Through the Angel of the Lord, God appeared to Moses in a flame and assigned him the task of representing God to Pharaoh. (Ex. 3.10)
2. After making preparations and heading toward Egypt, an unusual event takes place.
 - a) This can be difficult because of its brevity.
 - b) This can be difficult because of its language. (Ex. 4.26; cf. Gen. 20.3; 1 Sam. 15.3)
3. God always demands our obedience.
 - a) **EXODUS 4.14:** *“the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses”* (Ex. 4.14)
 - b) **EXODUS 4.24:** *“the LORD met him and sought to kill him.”*

I. THE SIN OF MOSES

- A. Moses neglected to circumcise his son.
 1. **EXODUS 4.25:** *“Then Zipporah took a sharp stone”*
 - a) Why did she use a sharp stone rather than a knife? (cf. Gen. 4.22; 22.6)
 - b) It was common to use flint as a cutting tool. (Josh. 5.2,3)
 2. **EXODUS 4.25:** *“cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses’ feet”*
 - a) At the time, Moses and Zipporah had two sons. (Ex. 4.20; 18.2,3)
 - b) It is possible that only one son had been circumcised.
 3. **EXODUS 4.25,26:** *“Surely you are a husband of blood to me”*
 - a) The idea of circumcising their son was repulsive to Zipporah? (cf. Num. 26.16-18)
 - b) It was the influence of his wife that caused Moses to neglect the commandment.
 4. Beware of the influence of the world! (Ex. 23.33; Deut. 12.29-31; 2 Pet. 2.18-20)
- B. Consider the significance of circumcision.
 1. It was a covenant.
 - a) **GENESIS 17.9:** *“As for you, you shall keep My covenant.”*
 - b) Covenant: An agreement between two parties.
 2. It was all-inclusive.
 - a) **GENESIS 17.10:** *“Every male child among you shall be circumcised”*
 - b) The covenant included both foreign and domestic. (Gen. 17.13)
 3. It was indicative.
 - a) **GENESIS 17.11:** *“and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.”*
 - b) The covenant identified Israel as the people of God. (cf. Judges 14.3)
 4. It was imperative. (Gen. 17.14)

II. THE EXAMPLE OF MOSES

- A. Moses was called to be a leader of Israel.
 1. Moses represented God to the nations. (Ex. 4.21-23; 18.10,11; Josh. 2.10,11)
 2. Moses represented God to the Israelites. (Ps. 77.20)
 3. As a leader, Moses needed to set a good example for the people of God.
- B. As the people of God, we represent God to others.
 1. We represent God to the world. (Phil. 2.15)
 2. We represent God to each other. (1 Tim. 4.12; 1 Pet. 5.2,3; 2 Thess. 3.7-9)