

Sermon Notes for Young People

January 19, 2020 | Exod.4:1-14 | Three More Objections

I. **Introduction:**

A. Why is Moses an absurd candidate to be the redeemer of Israel?

B. What were Moses' first two objections?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Skepticism (v. 1)**

1. Presumption: what does Moses reveal about himself

2. God's Sufficiency: How has God answered Moses' earlier objections to this command and task?

3. Reasonable Objection: Why does Moses' third objection seem somewhat reasonable initially?
 - a. Why is Moses' objection irreverent and impertinent?

 - b. Application: What are areas we doubt God's Word?

B. **Signs (2-9):** What is the purpose of biblical signs?

1. Staff: of what was the cobra emblematic?
 - a. How does Moses begin to display faith in God's word with the cobra?

 - b. What lessons are there for Moses and for Egypt in the sign of the staff/cobra?

2. Skin: what lesson is there for Moses and Israel in the sign of the leprous hand?

3. Survival: When God strikes the Nile, how is he striking at the source of Egypt's life?

4. The Function of Signs
 - a. How do each of these signs display God's competence?

 - b. Since signs and wonders (miracles) are not designed to bring people to faith, what are they designed to do?

c. **Application**: what is the basis for Christian faith?

d. **Application**: what sign did Christ promise the skeptics in his own day?

C. **Speech (v. 10-12)**

1. **Moses' Response**: How is Moses rude or impertinent here as he offers a new objection?

2. **True Inadequacy**: Why is Moses objection absurd?

a. What is the danger of Moses calling God *Lord*?

b. Why is Moses objection about not being a gifted talker hardly believable?

c. Is Moses' speech actually significant?

3. **God's Sufficiency**: with what do our own inabilities confront us?

D. **Somebody Else (vv. 13-14)**

1. **Getting to the Root**: what is the heart of all Moses' objections to God's commands?

2. **God's Anger**:

a. What does God mean when He declares that He is "slow to anger?"

b. How does God continue to show grace even in the midst of His righteous anger?

c. **Application**

1) What consequences for Israel follow Moses' reluctant obedience?

2) How are God's comprehensive plans and providence a comfort to us?

III. **Questions**: for my parents or the pastor...