

The Secret of the Rod - Part One

I Am Moses - Week 3

Introduction: The call of God through a burning bush

Exodus 4:2-5 The Lord asked him (Moses), "What is that in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied. ³"Throw it down on the ground," the Lord told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back. ⁴Then the Lord told him, "Reach out and grab its tail." So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it turned back into a shepherd's staff in his hand. ⁵"Perform this sign," the Lord told him. "Then they will believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—really has appeared to you."

What is in your hand?

1. God **never** asks questions that He doesn't know the answer.
2. To Moses, the staff represented:
 - a. His _____ as a shepherd.
 - b. His source of _____ - tied to livestock
 - c. His level of _____ - sheep
 - d. His responsibility to . . .
 - i. _____ sheep and strike predators
 - ii. _____ and correct sheep.
3. The staff is transformed through _____.
 - a. Thrown to the ground; the dead staff comes to life.
 - b. The staff of Moses becomes the Rod of God!
 - c. The rod symbolizes _____ & _____.

Exodus 4:17 And take your shepherd's staff with you and use it to perform the miraculous signs I have shown you."

Revelation 19:15 "From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod."

What is in YOUR hand?

1. God has given every person a **special mission**.

We are designed with a grand _____ in mind.

Jeremiah 1:4-5 The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart (consecrated you).

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

2. God's purpose _____ dreams and imagination.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end." Cf. Psalm 57:2-3

3. Satan will oppose the _____ of your purpose.

a. He is a _____.

John 10:10 (BBE) "The thief comes only to take the sheep and to put them to death: he comes for their destruction."

b. He is a _____.

Revelation 9:11 "Their king is the angel from the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon—the Destroyer."

c. He is _____ and _____.

1 Peter 5:8 "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. "

d. He is an _____.

Revelation 10:12 “I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, “It has come at last—salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth—the one who accuses them before our God day and night.”

4. God has given us the _____ and _____ we need to fulfill our purpose and mission.

Luke 9:1-2 “One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. ²Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”

_____ - The right to control, command, or determine something; the power to determine, adjudicate, or settle issues or disputes; given jurisdiction.

a. God has given us _____ **authority**.

Luke 10:19 “I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.’

b. God’s kingdom is established in _____.

1 Corinthians 4:20 “For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God’s power.”

Ephesians 3:10 “God’s purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”

5. Jesus Ministers in **Authority** and **Power**

Luke 4:33 - 36 “When he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—cried out, shouting, ³⁴ “Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” ³⁵ But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered. At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further. ³⁶ Amazed, the people exclaimed, “What **authority** and **power** this man’s words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!”

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