

**“The Pentateuch”**  
**Exodus 4**  
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Exodus 1-18 – Redemption: The Lord Delivers His People

Moses gives a total of 5 excuses for not being the man for the job. (Last time!)

Excuse #1: Moses – “I am a nobody!” Ex 3:11-12

Excuse #2: Moses – “What is your name?” Ex 3:13-22

**1. Verses 1-17 – Moses Excuses 3-5**

**2. Verses 18-31 – Moses Sent**

**1. Verses 1-17 – Moses Excuses 3-5:**

Excuse #3: Moses – “They will not believe me” Ex 4:1-9

God gave Moses three signs to convince the elders

1<sup>st</sup> Sign - 2-5 The staff became a snake:

Ex 4:17

Ex 4:20

Lesson to Israel: Egypt was known symbolically by the serpent and God was going to make Pharaoh powerless in Moses hands.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sign - 6-7 The leprous hand:

Old Testament Description: (O.T. alluded to it being more than a disease.) The detailed instructions in Leviticus 13-14

1. Deeper than skin. (Lev 13:3)
2. Starts as a little white spot then spreads. (Lev. 13:5-8)
3. Defiles and separates. (Lev. 13:44-46)
4. Fit only for fire. (Lev. 13:47-59)

Lev. 13:45-46

Lesson to Israel: Israel had been afflicted but God could heal. Israel would be restored if they would let God work thru Moses to carry them in Moses bosom.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sign - 8-9 Water to blood:

Mark 6:30-44

Ex 12:29

Ex 12:33."

Lesson to Israel: The Nile River was considered sacred to the Egyptians and was considered god to the people. God would strike the lifeline of Egypt to deliver His people.

Excuse #4: Moses – "I am not eloquent" Ex 4:10-12

Acts 7:22

Excuse #5: Moses – "O my Lord, send..." (but not me) Ex 4:13-17

The lesson is: God knows us better than we know ourselves, so we must trust Him and obey what He tells us to do. When we tell God our weaknesses, we aren't sharing anything He doesn't already know.

## **2. Verses 18-31 – Moses Sent:**

A divine call does not disengage us from human obligations.

Ex 4:24-26

1 Tim 3:4-5

Ex 18:1-6

Ex 4:28-31

**Application:**

1. Have we thrown down our staff? Our talents, gifts abilities, that which we are comfortable with so God might use us in a new way.
2. When God commands us to do something, we must obey: He will empower us to accomplish His will.
3. We need to remember that to lead we must also be willing to follow: Moses needed to circumcise his own son.
4. God may tell us what the future holds, but regardless the just live by faith not by explanations.