

Intro:

Main Point of Text: Christ's awesome appearance both attracts Moses with adoration and arrests Him with awe.

Sermon Point: *Take off your shoes.*

Move 1: God faithfully calls you to Him.

Vs. 6a (Acts 7:31-32): After God warns Moses to be careful, He affirms him: “God of thy fathers”. He appears/calls to Moses to affirm/confirm/commission him after 40 years in exile (Acts. 7:30). Jesus quotes this verse to reassure you there is a resurrection in Him.

Move 2: You should be drawn to God's beautiful majesty.

Vss. 2-3 (Acts 7:30-31). God draws Moses' attention in a miraculous mystery. So impresses Moses that in his song of blessing on Joseph in Deut. 33:16 he speaks “of him that dwelt in the bush”.

Move 3: But you must be careful approaching God's holy glory.

Vss. 4-5 (Acts 7:32-33). God warns Moses to stop. It is a holy place. Why? Because God is there. Vs. 6b. Moses trembled (Acts). Vs. 1: “Mountain of God” editorial/prelude to Mt. Sinai (Ch. 19); Hebrews 12:21: *And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake.* Take off shoes: dirt.

Move 4: You can only approach God in Christ, Who is still a consuming fire.

Vss. 2/4 (Acts 7:35): Angel of the Lord is the Son of God Who speaks. Why doesn't fire consume Moses? Only because Christ the Mediator is present and speaking. He has kept Israel from being consumed by the fiery trials in Egypt. Will be their Rock in the wilderness: 1 Cor. 10:4. Will lead them as a cloud out of Egypt/through desert: Ex. 14:19; 23:20-21. Same Angel of the Lord Who walked w/ Daniel's friends/preserved in the fiery furnace (Dan. 3:25). Jesus to be loved as Savior, and feared as Lord. Same Angel of Lord Whom Joshua meets entering Promised Land 5:13-15. And brings you into heaven: Hebrews 12:22-29.

Conclusion:

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