

12th YAG RETREAT: SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP I

Session #2

E. THE CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF MOSES AS A SPIRITUAL LEADER

1. God takes the initiative

“Moses, Moses...” Exodus 3:4c

- a) He always does
- b) He seeks to commence a relationship with the individual
- c) He seeks to establish His role in this relationship
- d) The challenge of the spiritual leader
 - i) To know the calling of the Lord
 - ii) To make an appropriate response

2. God's Purpose of revealing Himself

- a) To make Himself known
- b) To impact the individual
- c) To correct wrong understanding
- d) To feed the individual
- e) To train the individual to become a spiritual leader
- f) Challenge to the spiritual leader
 - i) To learn
 - ii) To comprehend
 - iii) To remember (lots of work)
 - iv) To be impacted
 - v) To change
 - vi) To demonstrate the changes

- vii) To lead with a changed heart/mind/spirit

3. Vital aspects of truth about God that need to be established

- a) "Do not draw near this place..." Exodus 3:5a (OT)
 - i) Addressing the problem of Casualness
 - ii) Dealing with the problem of Idle Curiosity
 - iii) Dealing with the problem of having little or no sense of the sacred
- b) "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Exodus 3:5b
 - i) Sense of holiness of God
 - ii) Concept of sacredness
 - iii) Needed humility before God
 - iv) Reverence of God
 - v) Fear of God
- c) Challenge to the spiritual leader
 - i) Humility
 - ii) Awe
 - iii) Unworthiness (versus... promotion of self)
 - iv) Example of Isaiah
"Woe is me, for I am undone..." Isaiah 6:5
 - v) Example of Jeremiah
"Behold, I cannot speak..." Jeremiah 1:6

4. God's Revelation of Himself

"I am the God of your father- the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."
Exodus 3:6a

"And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God." Exodus 3:6b

- a) Eternal (from antiquity)
- b) Historical
- c) Spiritual
- d) Personal
- e) Challenge to the spiritual leader
 - i) To establish a personal relationship with God
 - ii) To appreciate a deeper level of understanding of God