

No Excuses!

Introduction:

1. A New Year often brings new resolutions.
2. Yet, we should always resolve to serve God faithfully.
3. Too often, we fail in our duty because we make excuses.
4. Let us learn from Moses that when it comes to obeying God, there are no excuses!

I. Excuses Moses Did Not Make

- A. 3:1 – “I’m too old.”
 1. At this time, Moses was 80 years old.
 2. There is no retirement from the service of God (cf. Heb. 4:9).
- B. 3:1 – “I’m too busy.”
 1. Think of how many times God called busy people to serve Him.
 2. But, even busy people must have proper priorities.
- C. 3:1 – “I’ve made too many mistakes.”
 1. Moses had made mistakes, including killing an Egyptian.
 2. But, he had learned from them and grown.

II. Excuse One: “Who Am I?”

- A. 3:10 – God’s call and command
- B. 3:11 – Moses’ first excuse
 1. Too often, this is our excuse: “Let someone else do it.”
 2. “I’m not _____ enough.” (Old, wise, smart, talented, tall, etc.)
- C. 3:12 – God’s answer
 1. It did not matter who Moses was, but who God is!
 2. If God is with us, then nothing else matters! (Rom. 8:31; 2 Cor. 3:5-6; Phil. 4:13; Heb. 13:5)

III. Excuse Two: “Who Is God?”

- A. 3:13 – Moses’ second excuse
 1. This second excuse had to do with authority.
 2. Who had sent Moses and where did he get his authority.
- B. 3:14 – God’s answer: “I AM THAT I AM”
 1. The eternal nature of God (vs. 14)
 2. The unchanging nature of God (vs. 15)
 3. The omniscience of God (vs. 16)
 4. The faithfulness of God (vs. 17)
 5. The authority of God (vs. 18)
 6. The power of God (vs. 19-20)
 7. The provision of God (vs. 21-22)
- C. We must have the authority of God in our teaching (1 Cor. 2:1-2; 15:1-4).

IV. Excuse Three: “They Will Not Listen.”

- A. 4:1 – Moses third excuse
- B. 4:2 – God’s first answer
- C. 4:6 – God’s second answer
- D. 4:9 – God’s third answer
- E. When God gives His Word, He also confirms it (Rom. 10:17; John 20:29-31; Luke 16:31).

- V. Excuse Four: "I Am Not Eloquent."
 - A. 4:10 – Moses' fourth excuse
 - B. 4:12 – God's answer
 - C. God's word is sufficient (1 Cor. 2:1-4; Acts 10:24; 11:13-14)

- VI. The Real Problem: Moses Did Not Want To Go
 - A. 4:13 – Moses agrees, but with little enthusiasm
 - B. 4:14 – God was angry
 - C. 4:17 – God's answer: "You shall."