



- Ex 3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”
- 4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”
- 5 “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”
(All scripture listed from NIV)



**GOD DOES HAVE A
SENSE OF HUMOR**



**I try to wear angel wings
everyday, but sometimes
I would like to take them
off and beat somebody
with them!**



**I have a feeling my
guardian angel often
looks like this.**

- Judges 13:1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, so the Lord delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.

2 A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. 3 The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, “You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son. 4 Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean. 5 You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines.”

- Mt 1:18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and ye did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Holy Moments: Appearances

- 1. Why “an Angel of the Lord?”

Ex 33:18 Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

19 And the Lord said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.” NIV

Holy Moments: Appearances

- 1. Why “an Angel of the Lord?”
 - “No man can look on the face of the Lord and live
 - Supreme respect for the God of the Universe
 - Deflect one's eyes
 - God cannot speak to me directly
 - There must always be a mediator
 - In the ancient world, a messenger of the King held equal power/authority of the King
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Encountering “The Angel of the Lord.”

- A situation becomes untenable
- God has decided to do something about the situation
 - Sends a deliverer
 - God appears to the most unlikely of people
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Holy Moments: Appearances

- America has come through the modern age
- The age was controlled by the “Scientific Method.”
- Empirical evidence required
 - Objectivity
 - Observable data
- Christian faith during the Modern Age was reduced to what could be proven
- People went to Sunday School or Bible studies, and came to believe that the Christian faith was only a series of beliefs; a statement of faith.

Holy Moments: Appearances

- Experiencing a Holy Moment involves “Experience”
 - An irrefutable answer to prayer
 - Being amazed at the way circumstances are obviously, inexplicably orchestrated
 - A personal feeling, mood or knowledge that comes over you
 - “I felt my heart strangely warmed.”
- Appearances require a suspension of Modernism
 - Many encounters; Many times when God is silent

Encountering God

- What about you?
 - Tell God if you are willing to encounter Him
 - Then, tell YOURSELF that you are willing to encounter God
 - Seek guidance from the Bible.
 - Encountering God is NOT:
 - A proof that your way is the right way
 - A license to take someone's wellbeing into your hands
 - A sign that you are “chosen by God.”
 - Kookiness
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So What?

- Ask yourself if you are stuck in a dry, “provable” understanding of the Christian faith?
- Be willing to move toward more faith and less science
- Be willing to move toward more heart and less head
- Be open
- When “the messenger” appears, take off your shoes, and experience the moment as HOLY.

