EXODUS 4; February 23; Moses Returns to Egypt

ANALYSIS:

1. What is Moses' third objection to leading the children of Israel out of Egypt (v 1), and how does God answer him? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is Moses' fourth objection (v 10), and God's solution?

3. What is Moses' fifth response (v 13), and God's response to Moses?

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Moses has resisted God's call to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. God patiently meets Moses' objections. When Moses pleads no ability, God promises His presence (3:11-12). Next Moses claims he lacks credibility, God tells him to say I AM THAT I AM sent him (3:13-14). Then Moses insists no one will believe him, God manifests His omnipotence by arming Moses with 3 miracle signs to convince them (4:1-9). When Moses explains he is not eloquent, God reminds him that He made man's mouth (4:10-12). And finally when Moses implies God better pick someone else for the job, God is angry with Moses, yet leaves him with the task, but calls Aaron to be Moses' spokesman (4:13-16). Let us not resist, question or debate God's revealed will.

When the LORD speaks to you and me, let us be quick to say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). When Jesus commanded the dead man, "Lazarus, come forth" (John 11:43), "Come," to Peter to walk on the water (Mt 14:29), or "Stretch forth thine hand" to the man with the withered hand (Mt 12:13), His command gave the power and enablement to do the impossible. All God's commands to us contain the power needed for us to obey them perfectly!

## HELP:

1. They will not believe me. God gave Moses 3 signs: the rod, hand, water (vs 1-9).

2. I am not eloquent. I have made man's mouth, I will be with thy mouth (10-12).

3. Send by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. The anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and God appointed Aaron to speak for Moses (vs 13-16).

4. Moses had not kept the command to circumcise his son (24-26).5. The people believed, and they bowed their heads and worshipped (v 31).