

SPIRITUAL TASK 1—BURNING BUSH (Exodus 3)

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Story Moses was in the wilderness tending his father-in-law's flock when he saw a bush burning with fire. Although the bush burned with fire it was not consumed. Jehovah spoke to Moses from the burning bush, commanding him to remove his sandals, and then gave him the mission of leading the children of Israel out of bondage.

Meaning We all want to be instructed by the Lord on how to conduct our lives and how to handle difficult issues. We are taught that the Lord gives answers from heaven from the letter of the Word—from the stories, prophecies, psalms, and teachings therein. These seemingly simple stories (the bush or vegetation) are filled with the Lord's love (fire), and we can feel that love speaking to us when from innocence (tending sheep) we approach the Lord and let go of our merely worldly concerns (remove sandals from our feet).

Task 1) Read the Word every day with the thought in mind, "Okay Lord, what do You want me to do?" 2) Examine yourself by asking, "What worldly concerns are preventing me from getting close to the Lord—to really hearing Him?"