

I. The 'Miracle-Working' Rod of Moses

- A. God directed Moses' 'rod-ministry' often during the days of deliverance of the children of Israel.
 - 1. Moses cast his rod before Pharaoh and it became a serpent (Exodus 17:10)
 - 2. He struck the river and the water turned to blood (Ex 17:20)
 - 3. Moses stretched his rod over the 'waters' resulting in a plague of frogs (Ex 8:5)
 - 4. God told Moses to strike the dust of the earth, and it became lice of men and animals (Ex 8:16-17)
 - 5. Moses raised his rod toward heaven resulting in lighting, thunder and heavy hail (Ex 9:23)
 - 6. Moses stretched out his rod over Egypt and God sent strong wind and locusts (Ex 10:13)
 - 7. God directed Moses to stretch his rod over the Red Sea, resulting in the 'parting of the waters' and the returning of the waters to their banks (Ex 14:46, 26-27)
 - 8. Moses was directed by God to 'strike the rock' in Horeb, resulting in water flowing forth (Ex 17:6)
 - 9. Moses lifted his hands and rod during a battle with Amalek, resulting in victory (Ex 17:9-12)

II. A Quick Look at the Life of Moses

- A. Exodus 2 & 3
 - 1. These chapters tell of Moses' birth, rescue from death, and being raised by his mother in Pharaoh's house.
 - 2. When Moses had grown, he killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew and fled for his life to Midian (at about 40 yrs old).
 - 3. There, helping the daughters of Jethro, was invited to stay. Jethro gave him Zipporah as his wife and he settled in tending Jethro's flock (for 40 years).
 - 4. While tending the flock in the desert, that he had an encounter with God at the 'burning bush' (3).
 - 5. God told Moses His plan (3:7-8) and said clearly...
 - a. *"I have come down to deliver them (His people) out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey..." (v.8)*
 - b. *"Come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt" (v.10).*

III. The Rod of Moses and Lessons to Discover

- A. The 'rod' of Moses...
 - 1. During Moses' 'conversation' with God (Ex 3-4), he questioned his ability and authority to do what God was saying to him... and God responded... (Exodus 4)
 - 2. *"What is that in your hand" (v.2)*
 - 3. *"Cast it on the ground" (v.3)*
 - 4. *"Pick it up" (v.4)*
 - 5. *"Go and do what I've told you" (v.17)*
 - 6. The 'rod of Moses' became the 'rod of God' (Ex 4:20)

- C. Lessons and Applications – God continues to call...
 - 1. *"What is that in your hand?"*
 - 2. *"Cast it on the ground."*
 - 3. *"Pick it up."*
 - 4. *"Stretch it forth."*
 - 5. May the rod of _____ become the rod of God.

