

Everyday FAITH Family Page

Old Testament 2

Law/Gospel

Because of sin, I cannot approach the Lord. **Christ removes my sin so that I am declared blameless before God.**

Bible Words

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
Ephesians 2:13

Fun Fact

God revealed His name to Moses as "I AM WHO I AM" (Exodus 3:14). God defines Himself by what He will do, by His future acts, specifically the Exodus and the crucifixion of His Son to pay for the sin of the world.

Israel pronounced God's name as "Yahweh." Some Bibles translate it as "Jehovah." Other Bibles show its usage with LORD (notice small caps).

Moses and the Burning Bush

Exodus 2:11–4:31

Fire provokes emotion: curiosity, fear, anxiety, anticipation. When Moses saw a bush on fire but not consumed, curiosity overtook him. He turned to investigate and heard God call his name.

God commanded Moses not to come closer because the ground was holy and identified Himself as the God of his ancestors: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses hid his face in fear.

"Fear of the Lord" is difficult to understand. If God is love and He cares for us, why should we fear Him? Isaiah said it well:

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

His understanding is unsearchable (Isaiah 40:28).

Moses understood the fear of the Lord even if he didn't comprehend God's plan to use him to bring His people out of Egypt. Not wearied, God equipped, empowered, and sent Moses back to Egypt to do His work.

Teach Us to Pray

In church, when the pastor said, "Let us pray," the three-year-old said, "God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food. Amen."

That's a good start, but let's teach our children more about talking with God. Our Lord invites us to come to Him. "Humble yourselves . . . casting all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6–7).

Pray with your children at meals and at bedtime. Teach prayers, hymns, and Christian songs they can memorize. Also help children voice their own concerns to the Lord and reassure them that they can always talk to the Lord. He always listens and answers.

Prayer

Lord God, open our hearts and minds so that we can hear Your Word. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we can trust You and worship You with joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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