

SPIRITUAL TASK – WHO DO YOU TRUST? (Exodus 4)

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Story Jehovah God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and calls him to lead the Hebrews out of bondage. He wonders what to do if people don't believe that he is sent by God. He is told to throw his rod to the ground. It becomes a serpent. He picks it up by the tail and it becomes a rod again. This is one of the miracles that Moses uses to convince people the Lord is with him.

Meaning When Divine Truth comes down and appears in the external world (rod cast on the ground) it takes on appearances that are deceptive and harmful (the serpent). The miracle is that these external knowledges can be lifted up by the Lord (serpent taken up by the tail) and become powerful in our lives (becoming a rod again). They can make God visible for us and convince us to live by His teachings.

Task This week answer the following question as frankly as you can: Who do I trust? In what or whom do I depend on to be a source of rock solid truth? If the answer is not the Lord or God as you understand Him, then answer the next question: Why? We are taught we can strengthen our faith by, "approaching the Lord, learning truths from the Word, and living by them" (*True Christian Religion* 347). Try doing this.