

Acts 7:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

Analysis

Moses' wonder at the burning bush miracle drew him to investigate. The Greek thauma (marvel) indicates astonishment at this supernatural sign - a bush burning yet not consumed, symbolizing Israel's preservation through affliction. God used this wonder to arrest Moses' attention before speaking. Reformed theology notes that God accommodates Himself to human capacity, using visible signs to communicate invisible truths. The voice of the Lord would identify this as holy ground, requiring Moses to remove his shoes in reverence.

Historical Context

The unconsumed burning bush may have been an acacia bush, common in the Sinai desert. Fire frequently accompanies divine presence in Scripture (Exodus 19:18; Acts 2:3), signifying God's holiness and purifying power.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the burning bush symbolize Israel's preservation through Egyptian oppression?
2. Why does God use visible signs to communicate spiritual realities?
3. What draws our attention to God's voice in our daily lives?

Interlinear Text

ό δὲ Μωσῆς ἰδὼν ἐθαύμασεν τὸ ὄραμα
G3588 When Moses saw it he wondered G3588 at the sight
G1161 G3475 G1492 G2296 G3705

προσερχομένου δὲ αὐτὸν, κατανοῆσαι ἐγένετο φωνὴ¹
as he drew near When him to behold came it the voice
G4334 G1161 G846 G2657 G1096 G5456

κυρίου πρὸς αὐτὸν,
of the Lord unto him
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