

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

Psalms 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

ὁ	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	φωνὴ	
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				
G2962	G4314	G846				

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