God’s Answer to the Excuses of Moses
Exodus 4:1-17

Introduction:
A. The burning bush at Mt. Horeb (Sinai).
B. God’s difficult mission for Moses – deliver Israel from Egypt.
   1. Moses’ age - 80 years old.
   2. Israel must be persuaded.
   3. Pharaoh must be persuaded.
C. Moses’ two excuses and God’s answers:

Discussion:
I. “They Will Not Believe me...” (v. 1)
   A. God gave Moses power to confirm his claim that God had appeared to him (vv. 2-9)
   B. God gave men power to confirm revelations in every age.
      1. Jesus claimed deity – confirmed by signs (John 20:30, 31).
      2. Apostles and prophets claimed revelation from God – confirmed by miracles (Mark 16:19, 20;
         Heb. 2:3,4)
   C. God’s revelation is now complete (Jude 3).
      1. Written by men who confirmed their claims to revelation by signs.
      2. After revelation was complete miracles ceased (1 Cor. 13:8-13).
   D. God will give us what we need to fulfill his mission for us.
      1. May not want to teach neighbor because they will not believe.
      2. We have more than our word, we have the Bible.
      3. If they will not believe the Bible they would not believe a miracle. (Luke 16:29-31)

II. “I Am Not Eloquent ... Slow of Speech” (v. 10)
   A. God rebukes Moses (vv. 11, 12)
      1. God knew his weakness before he called him.
      2. God can use lesser talented people – if they do their best.
      3. God can make great people of lesser talented – if they will just obey him.
   B. God gives Moses a spokesman (prophet - 7:1).
      1. God would not be denied His purpose by Moses’ excuses.
      2. God will accomplish his purpose in spite of us – but we are the losers.
         a. May excuse ourselves from worship and work – God’s work will still go on.
         b. May excuse ourselves from daily responsibilities – God’s purpose will prevail – we lose.
   C. We may have problems with speaking to others about the gospel.
      1. Can invite them to come to services.
      2. Can invite to listen to the radio.
      3. Can give them a tract, booklet or paper.

Conclusion:
A. Let us obey God without excuse.
B. Obstacles can be overcome with God’s help.