

## **Behold!**

*“<sup>2</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.<sup>3</sup> And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.” - Exodus 3:2-3.*

### *1. God Is Trying To Get My Attention!*

God has a great work for me to do! I was born for a purpose, and to achieve something great for God and humanity that only I can do.

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God is **repeatedly** trying to get my attention! The strategy He uses may not be something spectacular where an angel of the Lord appears to me as a flame of fire. It is that small inner voice of the Holy Spirit that won't go away, and which keeps telling me about a particular thing that needs to get done in my lifetime. Other times, it is the occurrence of certain events in my life that conspire to shut certain doors so that I won't go off course, and to open new doors to usher me into divine destiny.

With Moses, an angel appeared as a flaming fire in the bush. God got his attention, and let's observe Moses' response.

### *2. Don't Just Look...Behold!*

For a brief moment, Moses' focus changed. His curiosity shifted his gaze away from his flock and towards something else which caught his attention.

Moses was not about to let this moment pass. Nor did he dismiss his experience as another 'bush fire' in a dry place - the desert.

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(a) Behold! After looking, Moses took the time to both analyse the situation, and make certain observations and conclusions about his situation.

(b) Capture the moment! He concluded that what he was seeing was indeed a very strange and unique event. Think of someone who is about to take a picture. First he looks and then focuses on (beholds!) what should be the object of interest in the picture.

Moses' gaze went beyond just looking. He was able to discern the signs and wonders around him.

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### *3. Missed Opportunities*

Sometimes we look but we don't see. It is a fact that we can overlook things and people, and may even have regrets later on in life for making uninformed and bad decisions because we did not take the time to analyse the situation properly. In short, we failed to capture the moment!

'Missed opportunities' also happen with the things of God- 'Miss opportunities' in respect of ministry, and in respect of not using our 'God given' talents to the fullest.

It is a fact. Sometimes people live their lives and do not do the things that really matter. Myles Munroe once said that the cemetery is filled with a large number of persons who died without pursuing purpose. This is so true. There are persons who left this earth but never wrote books, made blockbuster movies, created innovative designs, built remarkable buildings, painted masterpieces, visited historic places, kept divine appointments and achieve all the other great things that they were destined for them. Why? Because they failed to seize the opportunity and capture the moment! They looked but did not take the time to behold both the beauty and the mystery around them in that one 'picture perfect' shot. They missed the signs from God, because they may have been distracted by other things or persons. This happens to all of us. But yet God- while we are alive - continues to do things to get our attention.

Today, it's time to step up. Look and behold! Be blessed!

*Key Principles:*

- 1. God always tries to get our attention and to direct us to our divine destiny.*
- 2. Look and behold! It is possible to miss God if we simply look and do not take the time to discern the signs around us.*
- 3. We were born to lead a purpose-driven life, and to accomplish all that God intended for us to do here on this earth.*

*Memory Verse: "...and he looked and behold..."*

*Heavenly Father,*

*Thank You for Your Word! Open my eyes so that I may behold the important signs around me. I pray for a spirit of discernment, and clarity of spiritual vision. Give me the grace to take my eyes away from the problems that are before me, and to look beyond them. Give me a spirit of obedience and not one of rebellion. Forgive me, O Lord for the many times that I have been 'short-sighted' and lacked proper 'vision.'. Give me the desire and strength to pursue divine purpose and to seek to accomplish all that you intend for my life. Close the doors in my life that seek to take draw me away from my purpose, and open new ones that will usher me into divine destiny. I thank You for God-sent appointments and for the ability to see and grasp every divine opportunity that You send my way. In Jesus' name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.*

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