

## **Burning Bushes and Breathing** **Exodus 3:5**

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Most say the ground was made Holy because of God's presence. We understand at some deep level that God's presence is "Holy". There is *no other like God* means that God is separated from all things.

God has the quality of being completely unrelated to sin or evil. God's presence is pure good. And God is purely devoted to his own goodness, his own holiness. The place became Holy as God filled it with his Holy presence.

All that God does, God's purposes, are also separated from all other things especially sin and evil. God's actions are dedicated to God's goodness, holiness and are for God's own glory. So, there is another part to what made the ground "Holy"...and it is what God was doing with Moses. God was speaking and creating and separating Moses from all other people and things (evil and sin) and dedicating Moses to the service of God's purposes and that made the moment Holy.

God's presence in us and around us makes Holy places within and around.

God's calling and the dedication to God's purpose in each of us makes living our lives a Holy event.

The day set aside to worship God is Holy not because we have decided to worship but because God has set it aside from all other days and all ordinary activities and it is dedicated to serving God.

Again, the message for today is that God is closer than we often care to think. Much closer.

A question to keep in mind as we watch this video is –

**“Do I really believe what I believe is Really Real?”**

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- What did this video mean to me?

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- What does it mean to me that in the Bible there is no distinction made between physical and spiritual life? The words for **Breath** (that which gives and sustains physical life) and **Spirit** (that which gives and sustains life with God) are the same? Have I ever thought about that before?

- “When I let God in, breathe in God, I become aware of everything I need to leave behind, to let go of . . . Is there anything I need to let go of...To breathe out? What am I angry about? What concerns do I have? What am I anxious about? What is stressing me? What’s bothering me? Am I willing to let it go? To breathe it out?”

One of the things that God’s Spirit does is guide us into all truth. What truth do I need guidance in? Is it as close as breathing?

- The spirit comes without limit. Is there anything of God that I need to breathe in? Grace, Forgiveness, Mercy, Jesus, Hope, Joy, Peace, Wisdom, Patience, Discernment, Courage, Confidence, Kindness, Love, Insight, God’s calling and purpose.

God is here now, is at all times in all places, our ground is Holy as we live and move and breathe God’s Holy name.

**God’s Holiness:** Exodus 20:11; Psalm 71:22, 78:41, 89:18, 99:9; Isaiah 1:4, 5:19, 6:3

**God’s call to be Holy:** Leviticus 19:2, 20:26; Exodus 19:4-6; Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 2:21; Hebrews 12:10,14; 1 Peter 1:16

**God is close. *Yod. Hey. Vav. Hey.***