

SHOES OFF PLEASE

EX 3:45 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I. ⁵And he said, **Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet**, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.

It's always a good idea to leave your dusty shoes at the front door, before entering your house. The removal of Moses shoes had to do with his nearness to the angel. He was in fact standing on holy ground. I will now mention five things of interest.

- 1) Moses turned aside to see a most unusual sight. A bush looked as if it was on fire, but the flames were not consuming the bush. In eighty years, with at least forty years shepherding sheep Moses had never seen such a sight and he wanted to get a closer look.
- 2) God saw Moses change direction so he could get a closer look at the flames.
- 3) Having reached the bush, Moses heard the audible voice of God.
- 4) God considered that the ground near "the flaming bush" was holy.
- 5) As an act of humility Moses was asked to remove his shoes.

Regarding signs, wonders and miracles, God is waiting to see "a turning aside" in all believers. Many are too busy with other things and yet some have heard His voice, humbled themselves and taken off their "inner man" shoes. Any time spent in fellowship with God is wonderful and should be considered prerequisite to the beginnings of an obedient walk with God. Moses who was handicapped with "slow speech" decided to be obedient. He became the meekest man on earth and worked the greatest signs, wonders and miracles the children of Israel had ever seen. The crossing of the Red Sea is just one such miracle. Many Jewish people celebrate "Passover" every year. This festive time of thanksgiving is a reminder to the Jews of this miracle.

PSA 18:33 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places.

"He maketh my feet" **What a prophetic faith statement!** David believed that God was in the process of lifting him to higher ground.

If God is moving the feet, He is moving the man.

ISA 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,

How beautiful are the feet. (Isa 52:7) Our feet are responsible for bringing the good tidings. God is looking at the feet; not the brand of leather shoes worn!

There are many kinds of shoes:

Working shoes. These are the shoes we wear when our time is completely consumed by natural work. Some people feel such pressure in providing for their families, that there is little or no spare time during their busy schedule to fellowship with God. Some rarely read their Bibles; others only read the few verses being read during the sermon.

2Co 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, **we have a building of God**, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* God, who also **hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit**.

“We have a building of God.” “He that wrought us...is God.”

God is the master builder of our inner man. God is the author and He is the finisher of our faith. The same earnestness of the spirit that God enjoys in Heaven had been implanted into Paul’s inner man. Paul had that inner knowing of the Holy Spirit and was confidently ready to be received into heaven. When God had finished His inner work within Paul, he was then received into heaven. Although martyred by men, Paul was a “God finished” man. Saul truly had been left transformed; the “finished” Paul went to heaven.

Slipper shoes. Relaxed attitude, laziness, sleepy spirit.

Come on, get up and do something for God. We’ve already received a portion of the light of God’s glory. Let others see His wondrous glory rising upon us. Everything in God is in a state of readiness. So launch out.

ISA 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of **the LORD is risen upon thee**.

SOS 5:3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

The Shulamite woman was not so enthusiastic about getting out of bed to answer the door. When she finally did her beloved had already departed. She missed out on something she really wanted.

Professional shoes. The executives; lawyers, doctors and many educated people that question many things. Some love to dispute spiritual things.

LUK 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that **there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by**, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: **and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.**

LUK 5:21 And **the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason**, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies?

Many times the scribes and pharisees limited Christ's ability to work the works of God. However,
"The power of the Lord was present to heal" (Luk 5: 17)

High heel shoes. Can show Vanity, Worldliness, Pride and Haughtiness.

2COR 10:5 **Casting down** imaginations, and **every high thing that exalteth itself** against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity **every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

It is the believers' responsibility to rid self of every high thing that hinders their ongoing relationship with God. There is nothing higher or more important as God Himself. Jesus is the Son of the Highest. (Luk 1:32)

Running shoes. (Sports shoes) Always busy, over involvement in worldly pursuits.

The over busy person who is always living at a running speed cannot possibly spend time with God and experience His presence. Many believers run from God. They rarely answer an altar call. They evade the presence of God.

GEN 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and **Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** amongst the trees of the garden.

Many believers run from God's presence when their hearts are not right with God. Put on the good fitting shoes and walk with God. Come a little closer to the protection of His glory and let Him fill your life with His presence.

Make sure you are wearing the right shoes for your feet.