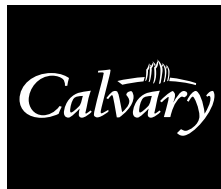


THE LIFE OF
MOSES



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The Life of Moses

Moses is one of the outstanding figures of the Old Testament. He was the brilliant leader called by God to deliver Israel from the slavery of Egypt, the great lawgiver who received the Ten Commandments, and the friend of God who recorded the first five books of the Bible.

Upon his death, we read: "There has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face" (Deuteronomy 34:10). In the New Testament, we read: "By faith Moses... refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt" (Hebrews 11:23–26).

Moses is not perfect, yet there are many rich parallels between his life and the life of our Lord Jesus. And the magnificent exodus from Egypt anticipates the greatest of all acts — the redemption we have from the bondage of sin through our Lord Jesus Christ.

So join me in this study of the fascinating life of Moses. Discover what it means to live by faith, be obedient to God's purposes, and trust God for the impossible!

Warmly in Christ,

John

MESSAGE 1

Slaves in Egypt

Exodus 1

AN OUTSTANDING MAN OF FAITH, GOD CALLED MOSES to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt. In many ways, the exodus from Egypt anticipates our redemption from the slavery of sin through our Lord Jesus Christ. And by studying the life of Moses and the book of Exodus, we will understand more fully our own salvation.

The Background of Exodus

- The transition from Genesis
- The meaning of Exodus
- The outline of Exodus:
 - **Slavery** (Exodus 1–12:36)
 - **Deliverance** (Exodus 12:37–18:27)
 - **Revelation and Response** (Exodus 19–40)

The Conflict

- Conflict between the offspring of the woman and the offspring of the devil
- Exodus 1:8–16

The Fear of God

- Exodus 1:17–22

REVIEW QUESTIONS

How did the Israelites come to Egypt?

Why is the deliverance of Israel identified as the outstanding act of the Old Testament and referenced repeatedly by Scripture?

What recurring strategies of the devil do we observe in the persecution of the Israelites?

Why did the midwives disobey the king's order? Why was this significant in the life of Moses?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Do you know the fear of the Lord? How has the fear of the Lord impacted your decisions or choices?

MESSAGE 2

Bulrushes and a Murder Fugitive

Exodus 2

AT THE BEGINNING OF EXODUS, we read of the conflict between the forces of darkness and the people of God. The Israelites are enslaved people — mistreated, discouraged, and downcast. But God is in control of every detail of life, and He is going to provide a deliverer.

Moses: His Early Life

- Moses' birth (v 1–9)
- Moses' education (v 10)

Moses: The Fugitive

- Moses flees (v 11–15)

Moses: The Shepherd

- Moses goes to Midian (v 15–22)
- The spiritual backdrop (v 23–25)

REVIEW QUESTIONS

How did the parents of Moses demonstrate their faith? Why was there great irony in the upbringing of Moses?

How does Moses become a fugitive? Was this killing self-defense or murder? What do the New Testament references tell us?

What happens to Moses in Midian? How long does he stay there? Why is that significant?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Looking back, do you see God active in ways you didn't realize at the time?

What has been your experience of spiritual preparation? What has been your response to God's voice and will?

MESSAGE 3

A Burning Bush

Exodus 3

GOD USES OUR BACKGROUND, EDUCATION, TRAINING, and even our failures to prepare us for the future. The Lord Jesus taught that if we are going to be faithful in great things, we need to be faithful in small things. After life in Egypt for 40 years and in the wilderness for 40 years, Moses was prepared for a momentous task.

Encountering God

- Moses sees a fiery bush (v 1–4).
- Moses is standing on holy ground (v 5–6).

The Call of God

- The Lord had seen the affliction of His people in Egypt (v 7–10).
- Responding to the call (v 11–15)
- God is with us.
- The direction to Moses (v 16–22)

REVIEW QUESTIONS

What is so special about the burning bush? Why is Moses told to take off his sandals?

What are the two questions Moses asks? How does God answer?

What do we learn about God as we consider how He describes Himself (I AM)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Could you be experiencing a time of preparation? Are you being faithful where you are?

Have you had a fresh encounter with God? Are you faithful to His Word?

MESSAGE 4

A Reluctant Leader

Exodus 4

WHICH OF US WOULD IMMEDIATELY OBEY when called to do something incredibly difficult? Scripture makes it clear that Moses is a man of faith, but his faith is not perfect and must grow. Biblical faith and doubts are not mutually exclusive.

Moses Objects

- Moses believes that he will be met with skepticism (v 1).
- God answers with three signs.

Verbal Eloquence

- Moses now claims to be slow of speech (v 10–17).

REVIEW QUESTIONS

After his initial two questions, what is Moses' next objection? With what three signs does the Lord respond?

When does God become angry?

What does God consent to do when Moses continues to argue?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Have you ever argued with God? About what? What was the outcome?

No matter who or where you are, God calls you to serve Him. What is "in your hand"? How are you being called to serve the Lord?

MESSAGE 5

Let My People Go

Exodus 5:1–7:13

GOD CALLS MOSES TO DELIVER THE ISRAELITES from the hand of the Egyptians. God remembers His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and His promise to bring Israel “to a land flowing with milk and honey.” On his way to Egypt, Moses meets Aaron, and they go to confront Pharaoh.

The First Confrontation

- Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh (5:1–13)
- Pharaoh’s reply

The Lord Reinforces His Covenantal Promise

- Moses complains to the Lord (5:22–23)
- The promises of God (6:1–13)
- The Lord’s reiteration of His command to Moses and the response by Moses (6:10–30)

The Second Confrontation

- God graciously recommissions Moses and Aaron (7:1–7)
- Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh (7:8–13)

REVIEW QUESTIONS

What is the reason Moses and Aaron give for asking Pharaoh to let the Israelites go? What is Pharaoh's response?

How does God respond to the complaints of Moses? Why is His revelation of Himself as YHWH particularly significant?

What sign is given during the second confrontation?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Following and obeying Jesus doesn't mean that life is easy. Sometimes the more obedient you are, the more Satan and his forces tempt, harass, and try to deceive. Have you experienced this?

Do you believe God is all-powerful and greater than any opposition or circumstance you could ever face?

Do you have a personal relationship with YHWH?

MESSAGE 6

The Plagues

Exodus 7:14–10:29

DESPITE THE MIRACLES PERFORMED BY MOSES and Aaron, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, and he does not listen to them. There is a clear conflict between the God of Israel, and Pharaoh, the god of Egypt.

Nine Plagues

The Purpose of the Plagues

- To deliver Israel
- To demonstrate victory over the Egyptian gods and Pharaoh
- To demonstrate the uniqueness of the Lord: there is none like Him.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

What are the nine plagues? How are they sometimes divided for study? What are some of the patterns we can see?

Were Pharaoh's repeated denials a surprise to Moses?

How do the efforts of the magicians and sorcerers demonstrate the limits of Satan's power?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

When faced with the truth of God, you either humbly receive it or oppose it. What has been your response?

What is your reaction to the plagues of Egypt? Do you marvel at the power of our unique God, or do you fear His judgment?

MESSAGE 7

The Passover

Exodus 11–12

DESPITE THE DEVASTATION of the nine plagues, Pharaoh did not allow the Israelites to leave Egypt. With the tenth plague, their deliverance will come: not because of the persuasion of Moses and Aaron but because of the power of the Lord's mighty hand.

Preparation of the Passover

- Preparing the lamb (12:1–6)
- Personal participation (12:7–12)

Protection from the Destroyer

- The firstborn Egyptians will die (12:12–13).
- The soul that sins dies.

The Perpetual Ordinance

- The Passover was to be a perpetual memorial (12:14–28).
- Followers of Jesus celebrate the Lord's Supper, not the Passover.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

How does Passover prefigure the sacrifice of our Savior?

Considering the Egyptians' beliefs, why was the tenth plague so particularly devastating?

How does the tenth plague demonstrate the penalty for sin — and the only way to safety?

Why do followers of Jesus celebrate the Lord's Supper instead of Passover?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Personal participation was key for every Israelite family. Have you personally participated in God's plan of salvation? Have you accepted the Lamb of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, as your personal Savior?

Just as Israel was never to forget the day of their deliverance, we are to live in the light of our salvation. Are Christ and His redemptive work at the center of your life?

MESSAGE 8

Cloud and Fire

Exodus 13:17–22

THE ISRAELITES WERE DELIVERED from slavery in Egypt. After the tenth plague fell on Egypt, Pharaoh allowed them to go. Now the Lord will lead the children of Israel through the wilderness to the Promised Land.

God sometimes leads us on a zigzag course

- God led Israel on a zigzag course.
- God sometimes leads us by way of the wilderness.

God's will for your life is to trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord

- God's will for you is that you are saved (2 Peter 3:9, John 3:16–17, Luke 19:10).
- God's will for you is that you daily surrender to Jesus Christ (Romans 12:1–2).

God's will is revealed in God's Word

- God's Word is truth (John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16–17).
- God's will is revealed in Scripture and must be obeyed.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

How did God make His presence known to the Israelites?

Why is it significant that when the cloud and pillar moved, the Israelites moved? And when the cloud and pillar stopped, the Israelites stopped?

How does God leading the Israelites remind us of the role and power of the Holy Spirit?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Why does God sometimes lead us through the wilderness? Have you spent time in the wilderness?

Are you worried and anxious as you live? Or do you trust in God's guidance?

MESSAGE 9

The Great Escape

Exodus 14

THE GLORIOUS DELIVERANCE of the children of Israel through the Red Sea is one of the best-known events in all of Scripture. It is the foundational event in all of Old Testament history and a picture of the invincible power of God and the redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Background of the Redemption**Israel is delivered from Egypt by the Lord's hand**

- Exodus 14:1–4

Israel is assured of certain victory

- Pharaoh and his army pursue the Israelites (v 5–9).
- Moses tells them not to fear (v 13–14).

God's plans are invincible

- The Lord demonstrates His power and His sovereignty (v 15–20).
- God's power and sovereignty are seen in Israel's deliverance and the judgment of the Egyptians (v 21–29).

REVIEW QUESTIONS

What is the reaction of the Israelites to Pharaoh and his army pursuing them?

Why is it important that the Israelites do nothing for this victory? What specific actions does the Lord take?

Why is the watery death so fitting for the Egyptians?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Do you see how our victory over sin is far greater than Israel's deliverance through the Red Sea?

Are you facing a seemingly impossible situation? Do you feel outnumbered? Does your future look bleak? Allow Exodus 14 to remind you of how great, powerful, gracious, and holy our God is.

MESSAGE 10

The Song of the Sea

Exodus 15:1–21

AFTER THEIR GLORIOUS DELIVERANCE, the people of God shout and sing! Understanding all the Lord has done, is doing, and will do produces joy, filling our hearts with praise and worship.

Sing praises to the Lord because He delivers us from impossible situations

- God's people sing praises to the Lord.
- The Lord delivers us from impossible situations.

Sing praises to the Lord because He always fulfills His promises

- All nations tremble at God's invincible power (v 13–16).
- The Lord will fulfill His covenantal promises (v 17–18).

REVIEW QUESTIONS

In addition to the song after the Red Sea victory, what are some examples in Scripture of songs of praise?

Who leads the people in worship?

What is the focus of the song? Why is that important?

What impact does the victory account have on the nations that hear it?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Does it encourage you to remember that God is a God of joy?

Do you demonstrate your trust in God by praising Him in song?

Is your worship and praise God-centered, or is it sometimes self-centered?

MESSAGE 11

Bitter and Sweet

Exodus 15:22–27

SOMETIMES BITTER AND DIFFICULT EXPERIENCES result from our foolish or sinful choices. Other times, these painful experiences are out of our control. So how are we to respond to difficult circumstances and setbacks in life?

Believers in the Lord experience adversity

- The Israelites were being led by God when they experienced adversity (v 22–23).
- The people of God grumbled and complained (v 24).

The Lord is greater than your adversity

- When adversity comes, pray! (v 25)
- The Lord is greater than any adversity.

Blessing follows obedience

- The Lord tests His people (v 25).
- God's blessings follow obedience to His Word (v 26–27).

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Why did the children of Israel grumble? What does grumbling generally signify in our spiritual lives?

What did Moses do in response? Why is this a powerful reminder to us?

What happened next? How was the Lord gracious?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

In adversity, do you praise God or complain?

Have you experienced the cross of Christ turning your ashes into beauty, your bitterness into sweetness and joy?

MESSAGE 12

Angel Food

Exodus 16

THE OLD TESTAMENT, and in particular, the experiences of the children of Israel, provide many examples, admonitions, and warnings that help us to follow our Lord Jesus Christ more closely.

Israel Complains

- Israel grumbles again.
- God's commentary

God Provides

- God provided manna from heaven.
- God has provided all we need in Jesus Christ.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Why are the Israelites grumbling now? How many are grumbling?

What have they forgotten?

How were the Israelites instructed to gather the manna? Why was this significant?

How is the manna a picture of Jesus Christ?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

What do we communicate when we grumble and complain? What is the impact on our testimony?

Do you tend to grumble or complain? Remember how God has blessed you, and think of where you would be apart from the grace of God

Are you trusting in the Lord and studying His Word each day? Do you understand why it is essential that we do this daily?

MESSAGE 13

Living Water

Exodus 17:1–7

Although the Israelites had seen the faithfulness and power of God at work, they again grumbled and quarreled with Moses when they had no water.

God's miraculous provision for Israel

- Israel wanted water (v 3).
- The miraculous solution

God's miraculous provision for us

- The rock is Christ (1 Corinthians 10:1–4)
- The water gushing from the rock is a picture of the Holy Spirit.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

What is the attitude of the Israelites? What does Moses do?

What is God's solution?

How is this solution a picture of Christ and the Holy Spirit?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Where are you looking for fulfillment and satisfaction?

Are you looking for satisfaction in relationships, possessions, or prestige? The only place we will quench our thirst is in the living water of Jesus Christ.

MESSAGE 14

Praying with Power

Exodus 17:8–16

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS are to be people of prayer. Prayer is how we commune with God and the way God executes His purposes in our lives.

The Intercession of Moses

- This is Israel's first battle since their deliverance through the Red Sea (v 8–13).
- The banner (v 14–16)
- Leaders need their hands upheld in prayer.

The Intercession of our Lord Jesus

- The prayer life of Jesus
- Our Lord Jesus presently intercedes for us.

The Intercession of the Church

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Who did the fighting in this first battle since the Red Sea? What was the involvement of Moses?

What was the significance of the banner and the staff? What were the people meant to understand about the victory?

What role did prayer play in the life of Jesus? What does Scripture tell us Jesus is doing currently?

What do we learn about prayer in the New Testament?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Is prayer part of your daily life? Do you have a specific time and place to pray?

Do you think prayer is a first or last resort when going about your day, making decisions, and facing difficult situations?

MESSAGE 15

Avoiding Burnout

Exodus 18

GOD WANTS US TO WORK HARD, but God does not want us to work all the time. Rest from work is an integral part of the creation order — a blessing for our mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

Burnout was avoided in Israel through the plurality of leaders

- The problem presented
- The problem solved

Burnout is avoided in the church through the plurality of leaders

- In the New Testament, there is a plurality of elders.
- The overseer and elder are interchangeable terms.

Burnout is avoided in the church through the members using their spiritual gifts

- Every Christ-follower is gifted.
- Use your gift to serve others.
- Use your gift in conscious dependence on God.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

How was Moses being spread too thin? Who expressed concern and shared advice?

What was the new system suggested to alleviate the issue? What three principles did this demonstrate?

On what criteria should leaders be chosen?

How should we use our gifts? How should we not use our gifts?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Are there areas in your life where you rely exclusively on your efforts? Why is this not healthy from a practical or spiritual perspective?

Serving others and receiving support from brothers and sisters in Christ are essential. Are you an active member of a local church where you can participate in the Body of Christ?

MESSAGE 16

Written with the Finger of God

Exodus 20

GIVEN BY GOD TO MOSES, the Ten Commandments are accepted as being from God by Muslims, Jews, and Christians. The impact of the Ten Commandments on the world is incalculable, and they form the basis of God's Law given to mankind.

God gave the Ten Commandments to Israel

- The Ten Commandments were God-given.
- The Ten Commandments were given to a redeemed people

The purpose of the Ten Commandments

- The Ten Commandments reveal our need for salvation.
- The Ten Commandments set the standard of moral conduct.

Obey the Ten Commandments

- These are commandments, not options or suggestions.
- Jesus fulfills and interprets the Law.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

What was the purpose of the Ten Commandments? Why is it significant that they were given to Israel after their redemption?

Do the Ten Commandments serve as a way of salvation?

What were the provisions of the Mosaic Covenant? What was Israel supposed to do? What was the three-fold promise given by God?

What is the relationship of Jesus Christ to the Ten Commandments?

How does His fulfillment of the Law help us understand the differences between Mount Sinai and Mount Zion?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

Have you been taught that the Ten Commandments are a way of salvation? Do you understand that none of us can earn our way to heaven?

How should followers of Christ view the Ten Commandments? Do they still apply?

MESSAGE 17

The Death of Moses

Deuteronomy 34

DESPITE LEADING THE CHILDREN of Israel out of Egyptian slavery, Moses was not permitted to enter the Promised Land. God buried Moses east of the Jordan River on Mount Nebo.

Moses is not permitted to enter the Promised Land

- The events at the rock
- The response of Moses

Themes from the life of Moses

- Remembrance
- Obedience
- Choice
- Faith

REVIEW QUESTIONS

What happened at the rock that resulted in God's judgment on Moses? Why was this such a serious matter?

What was Moses' response?

Explain why each of the four themes is appropriate in the context of the life of Moses. How is each theme also mirrored in the context of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Who succeeds Moses? Do we ever see Moses again?

Why does Scripture call Moses a great man of faith? Why is he remembered and revered? Why is he also a reminder that no one is perfect and all have sinned?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The verdict is yours.

What have you learned about God through His work in the life of Moses?

What will you remember about the life of Moses?

Do you understand why Jesus is greater than Moses? Do you have a personal relationship with the Savior?

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