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Stories of Faith

Moses

The Servant of God

Part Two

Portions from the Pentateuch,
the King James Version by The Holy Spirit through Moses
with notes by Katie Stewart

"And they sing the Song of Moses the servant of God,
and the Song of the Lamb, saying,
Great and marvellous are Thy works, LORD God Almighty;
Just and True are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints"
(Revelation 15:3).

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PART TWO

Exodus / Chapter 19 Preparation to Meet with the LORD

In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; 4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. 5 Now therefore, **IF ye will obey My Voice indeed, and keep My Covenant, THEN ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me** above all people: for all the Earth is Mine: 6 and ye shall be unto Me a Kingdom of priests, and an **HOLY** nation. These are the Words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these Words which the LORD commanded him. 8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, **that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever**. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, 11 and be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai. 12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: 13 there shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount."

In Exodus 32:9, the Record of these people stands forever formed in the opinion of God Himself. "The LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a **stiffnecked people**." These people were much worse than just being "forgetful hearer[s]" (James 1:25), they were "forgetful seers." Having seen with their **own** eyes their **own** deliverance **firsthand**, and **knowing** Whose Hand had miraculously worked for them, to then SO SOON have bewailed their freedom by condemning Moses for their desert trials-- God righteously judged them as "stiffnecked".

- "11 And they said unto Moses... hast thou taken us away to **die in the wilderness**? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? 12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been **better** for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should **die in the wilderness**" (Exodus 14:11-12). "And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to **die in the wilderness**? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread" (Numbers 21:5).

"Die in the wilderness!" "Die in the wilderness!" "Die in the wilderness!" God knew these men would forever complain, and He knew that only two adult men (and possibly their wives, although not mentioned) would enter the Promised Land, along with the "then" children (who would do their growing during the time that they "wandered in the wilderness" [Joshua 14:10] for forty years). God gave them "according to [their] faith" (Matthew 9:29), "for the LORD had said of them, **They shall surely die in the wilderness**. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun" (Numbers 26:65).

It was to these people that the LORD GOD tried to impress with severity the importance of His Holy Self. He wanted them to take Him seriously-- to FEAR Him! "Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is NO iniquity with the LORD our God" (2Chronicles 19:7). Hence, the warning: "Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to DEATH: there shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it SHALL NOT LIVE."

Fear Has Its Place

by C. H. Spurgeon

"Happy is the man that feareth always" (Proverbs 28:14).

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning and the foundation of all true religion. Without a solemn awe and reverence of God there is no foothold for the more brilliant virtues. He whose soul does not worship will never live in holiness.

He is happy who feels a jealous fear of doing wrong. Holy fear looks not only before it leaps, but even before it moves. It is afraid of error, afraid of neglecting duty, afraid of committing sin. It fears ill company, loose talk, and questionable policy. This does not make a man wretched, but it brings him happiness. The watchful sentinel is happier than the soldier who sleeps at his post. He who foreseeeth evil and escapes it is happier than he who walks carelessly

on and is destroyed.

Fear of God is a quiet grace which leads a man along a choice road, of which it is written, 'No lion shall be there, neither shall any ravenous beast go up thereon.' Fear of the very appearance of evil is a purifying principle, which enables a man, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to keep his garments unspotted from the world. Solomon had tried both worldliness and holy fear: in the one he found vanity, in the other happiness. Let us not repeat his trial but abide by his verdict." --from "[Faith's Checkbook](#)" --

<http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Spurgeon/Faith.Checkbook/Faiths.Checkbook.Preface.html> --. by [C. H. Spurgeon](#) --

<http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Charles.Haddon.Spurgeon.html> --.

"14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. 15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives."

The people were to ready themselves to be presented before the LORD.

- They were to be clean, inside and out. "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I Am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 20:7).
- They were expected to give the LORD GOD His due. "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His Name" (1Chronicles 16:29).
- He deserved respect and honour. "I am the LORD... I have gotten Me honour upon Pharaoh, upon His chariots, and upon His horsemen" (Exodus 14:18).
- He deserved their praise. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help... Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped" (Psalm 121:1; 124:7).
- He deserved their complete attention. "Know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off for ever" (1Chronicles 28:9).
- He deserved their worship. "Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2).

"16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. 17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. 18 And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. 19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and **God answered him by a Voice.**"

- (Matthew 4:4) "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every Word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

"20 And the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. 21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish... 24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests

and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest He break forth upon them. 25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them."

Exodus / Chapter 20

The Giving of the Ten Commandments

And God spake all these words, saying, 2 **I Am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.**

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the Earth beneath, or that is in the water under the Earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a Jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that **hate Me**; 6 and showing mercy unto thousands of them that **love Me**, and keep My Commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

8 Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 for in six days the LORD made heaven and Earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath Day, and hallowed it.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

What the LORD is simply saying to Israel, and to anyone who follows after Him, "I Am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Love ME. Live for ME. Obey ME. "Love the LORD thy God with ALL thy heart, and with ALL thy soul, and with ALL thy mind" (Matthew 22:37). [Please read D. L. Moody's most excellent examination of "[The Ten Commandments](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Voice/Moody.Ten.Commandments.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Voice/Moody.Ten.Commandments.html> --.]

"18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. 19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let NOT God speak with us, lest we DIE. 20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to PROVE you, and **that His fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not**. 21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where

God was. 22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, **Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.** 23 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. 24 An altar of Earth thou shalt make unto Me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record My Name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee."

God's purpose in visually showing Himself to these obstinate people, by means of "the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking", and then "the thick darkness where God was", He performed that they might believe. "Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven." Why? "That His fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not." What does a reverential trust in God accomplish? No sinning!

- (Proverbs 16:6) "By the fear of the LORD men **depart** from evil."
- (Proverbs 8:13) "The fear of the LORD is to **hate** evil."
- (Proverbs 3:7) "Fear the LORD, and **depart** from evil."
- (Proverbs 14:16) "A wise man feareth, and **departeth** from evil."
- (Job 1:1) "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and **eschewed** [shunned] evil." [Please read "[Must We Then Sin?](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Must.We.Then.Sin.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Must.We.Then.Sin.html> --.]

Exodus / Chapter 24

And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to Me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a Law, and Commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. 14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them. 15 And Moses went up into the mount, and a Cloud covered the mount.

16 And the Glory of the LORD abode upon Mount Sinai, and the Cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day He called unto Moses out of the midst of the Cloud. 17 **And the sight of the Glory of the LORD was like DEVOURING FIRE on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.** 18 And Moses went **into** the midst of the Cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount **forty days and forty nights.**"

The LORD wanted to give the Children of Israel a test, a test which would prove openly what lay at the core of their hearts. Moses has gone away from the camp. It appears-- by sight-- that he is not coming back. What will they do?

Exodus / Chapter 25

Preparation to Build the Tabernacle of the LORD

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering: of every man that giveth it **willingly with his heart** ye shall take My offering. 3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, 4 and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, 5 and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, 6 oil for the

light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, 7 onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.

8 And let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the Tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

10 And they shall make an Ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. 11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. 12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. 13 And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the Ark, that the Ark may be borne with them. 15 The staves shall be in the rings of the Ark: they shall not be taken from it. 16 And thou shalt put into the Ark the Testimony which I shall give thee.

17 And thou shalt make a Mercy Seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. 18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the Mercy Seat. 19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the Mercy Seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. 20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the Mercy Seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the Mercy Seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

21 And thou shalt put the Mercy Seat above upon the Ark; and in the Ark thou shalt put the Testimony that I shall give thee. 22 And **there I will meet with thee**, and **I will commune with thee from above the Mercy Seat**, from between the two cherubims which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of all things which I will give thee in Commandment unto the children of Israel."

Exodus / Chapter 31

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a Sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that **I Am the LORD that doth SANCTIFY you.**"

We don't keep ourselves from sinning. We recognize the LORD's Will and Power-- we FEAR Him (i.e., give Him reverential trust)-- and by our own freewill which He gave to us, we put our wills into His keeping. We leave our wills in His keeping. And **for as long as** we leave our wills in His keeping, we do NOT sin. "For **it is God** which worketh in you both to will and to do of His Good Pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

- (1Corinthians 12:6) "**God** which worketh ALL in all."
- (1Corinthians 15:10) "By the Grace of **God** I am what I am."
- (Hebrews 13:20-21) "The **God** of Peace... make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, **through Jesus Christ**; to Whom be Glory for ever and ever. Amen."

"14 Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any

work in the Sabbath Day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a Perpetual Covenant. 17 It is a Sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and Earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.

18 And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of Testimony, tables of stone, **written with the Finger of God.**"

Exodus / Chapter 32

And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him."

Obedience is based on love. If it's not for the love that we have for the LORD, then it's NOT obedience. These rebellious children wasted no time in showing their true colors. And Aaron seized the moment for his own aggrandizement.

"2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. 4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, **which brought thee up** out of the land of Egypt."

How could Aaron, knowing God the way he did, being an instrument **in God's Own Hand** during the miracles performed in Egypt-- how could Aaron be so vile-- attributing divinity to an object made with **his own hand** as the "GOD" "which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt"? Take heed. "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness" (2Peter 3:17). Any man can fall. And if a man who has been used so mightily by God can *so quickly and easily fall*-- so can you and I. "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them" (Deuteronomy 11:16). Do a Bible study on "take heed". The **sheer number** of verses is a warning in itself!

- (Matthew 6:1) "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in Heaven."
- (Matthew 16:6) "Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."
- (Matthew 18:10) "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in Heaven their angels do **always** behold the face of My Father which is in Heaven."
- (Matthew 24:4) "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you."
- (Mark 4:24) "And He said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given." etc...

"5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast *to the LORD*.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: 8 They have **turned aside quickly** out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is **a stiffnecked people**: 10 Now therefore **let Me alone, that My wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them**: and I will make of thee a great nation.

11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth Thy wrath wax hot against Thy people, which Thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? 12 **Wherefore should the Egyptians speak**, and say, For mischief did He bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the Earth? Turn from Thy fierce wrath, and repent [not of sin, of course, but to change His mind] of this evil against Thy people."

- (Numbers 23:19) "God is NOT a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent."

Moses knew his people deserved God's just punishment, but it was foremost in his mind that the LORD's reputation and glory among the heathen that he interceded for Israel. Meekness defends God, and, remember, Moses was-- by God's Own Mouth-- the meekest man "above all the men which were upon the face of the Earth" (Numbers 12:3).

Moses also knew there was a Bigger Plan involved, and that there was a Covenant made with Abraham, and being the meekest of men that he was-- defending God and not SELF--, he shied away from the honour that God was ready to give him. "I will make of thee a great nation."

- (Genesis 15:13-14) "13 And He said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14 and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance."
- (Genesis 22:16-18) "16 And said, By Myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17 that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 and in thy seed shall all the nations of the Earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed My Voice."
- (Exodus 2:24) "And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His Covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob."

Pleading with God, presenting your argument or case before Him, was best described by [A. T. Pierson](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/A.T.Pierson.html) --

<http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/A.T.Pierson.html> --, concerning God's prayer warrior, [George Mueller](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/W.S.t.S.Voice.html#Mueller) --

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"George Müller stored up reasons for God's intervention. As he came upon promises, authorized declarations of God concerning Himself, names and titles He had chosen to express and reveal His true nature and will, injunctions and invitations which gave to the believer a right to pray and boldness in supplication-- as he saw all these, fortified and exemplified by the instances of

prevailing prayer, he laid these arguments up in memory, and then on occasions of great need brought them out and spread them before a prayer-hearing God. It is pathetically [pathos, or compassionately] beautiful to follow this humble man of God into the secret place, and there hear him pouring out his soul in these argumentative pleadings, as though he would so order his cause before God as to convince Him that He must interpose to save His own name and word from dishonour!" --from "Pleading With God and Argument in Prayer" -- by A. T. Pierson, taken from "George Müller of Bristol" -- chapter 10: "The Word of God and Prayer."

"13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Thy servants, to whom Thou swarest by Thine Own Self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

14 And the LORD repented of the evil which He thought to do unto His people."

As we mentioned before, when Scripture talks about God repenting, it is not for sin, of course, but simply that God is changing His mind. "The Judge of all the Earth" (Genesis 18:25) has the right to change His Omnipotent Mind.

"Just as Jeremiah threatened God's judgment upon Jerusalem, i.e., '4 If ye will not hearken to Me, to walk in My Law, which I have set before you... 6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the Earth' (Jeremiah 26:4,6), Micah had previously pronounced the certainty that 'Jerusalem shall become heaps' (26:18) to Hezekiah-- who believed him and caused reformation in the land.

The point was that Micah had pronounced the certainty of judgment against the land during Hezekiah's reign in Jerusalem. Micah prophesied that the 'LORD cometh [present tense, is coming] forth out of His place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the Earth' (Micah 1:3). The result will be that 'Jerusalem shall become heaps' (3:12). **Hezekiah led Judah in repentance before the prophecy could be fulfilled.** 'Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them** in the days of Hezekiah' (2Chronicles 32:26). But, who was complaining about the lack of fulfillment of Jerusalem's destruction, since '**the LORD repented Him of the evil** which He had pronounced against them' (Jeremiah 26:19)? A situation had developed which changed God's mind... As the LORD of All the Earth (Joshua 3:13) is sovereign in His judgments, **He is completely justified in holding back the fulfillment of a prophecy**-- that He promised by the mouth of His prophets. 'And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them; and **He did it not**' (Jonah 3:10). God can rightly and sovereignly change His mind about the fulfillment of something He said He would do. 'And the LORD **repented** of the evil which He thought to do unto His people' (Exodus 32:14)." --from "[How to Identify A False Prophet](#)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Prophets/How.To.ID.False.Prophet.html> -- by Tom Stewart.

"15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the Testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. 16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. 18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that **sing** do I hear.

19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and **Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.**

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strowed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest **the people**, that **they are set on mischief**. 23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then **I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.**"

Aaron spends a lot of time blaming others for his own sin. This is NOT repentance. How he makes what he did sound so simplistic. "I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf." He makes it appear that this calf just happened miraculously. "Godly sorrow" (2Corinthians 7:10) in a man is the picture of abasement, self-denunciation, and reproach. There is no excuse for sin and the man of "Godly sorrow" makes no excuse whatever for his own sin. He freely admits his hatred of God and deeply feels he is the "chief" of "sinners" (1Timothy 1:15). [Please read "[How to Deal with Backsliders](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/How.to.Deal.with.Backslide.html)" -- http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/How.to.Deal.with.Backslide.html --, for a picture of what Biblical sorrow demonstrates.]

The Deuteronomy Account of the Breaking of the Tables

(Deuteronomy 9:16-20) "16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you. 17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes. 18 And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also. 20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time."

"25 And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for **Aaron** had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:) 26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, **Who is on the LORD'S side? let him come unto me.** And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him."

Separation... a fact in this world as demonstrated clearly in our next world. "There is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence [Heaven] to you [in Hell] cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence" (Luke 16:26). Only the pure in heart live with God in Heaven. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). The impure cannot enter the Gates Beautiful, for "there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie" (Revelation 21:2). Those who will not separate from this world now will be separated into Hell later. "32 And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 and He shall set the sheep on His Right Hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on His Right Hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world... 41 Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into Everlasting Fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels... 46 And these shall go away into Everlasting Punishment: but the righteous into Life Eternal" (Matthew 25:32-34,41,46).

"In January, 1834, all teachers who were not believers were dismissed from the Sunday-school; and, in the Dorcas Society, only believing sisters were accepted to make clothes for the destitute. The reason was that it had been found unwise and unwholesome to mix up or yoke together believers and unbelievers... Such association proved a barrier to spiritual converse and injurious to both classes, fostering in the unbelievers a false security, ensnaring them in a delusive hope that to help in Christian work might somehow atone for rejection of Jesus Christ as a Saviour, or secure favour from God and an open door into heaven. No doubt all this indiscriminate association of children of God with children of the world in a 'mixed multitude' is unscriptural. Unregenerate persons are tempted to think there is some merit at least in mingling with worshippers and workers, and especially in giving to the support of the gospel and its institutions. The devil seeks to persuade such that it is acceptable to God to conform externally to religious rites and forms, and take part in outward acts of service and sacrifice, and that He will deal leniently with them, despite their unbelief and disobedience. Mr. Mueller and Mr. Craik felt keenly that this danger existed and that even in minor matters there must be a line of separation, for the sake of all involved." --from "George Mueller of Bristol" -- by [A. T. Pierson](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/A.T.Pierson.html) -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/A.T.Pierson.html> --, chapter 21: "The Church Life and Growth."

- (James 1:27) "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself **unspotted from the world.**"
- (1John 2:15) "**Love not the world**, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."
- (Romans 8:7) "Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be."
- (John 15:19) "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore **the world hateth you.**"
- (Matthew 6:24) "**No man can serve two masters**: for either he will hate the One, and love the other; or else he will hold to the One, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."
- (James 4:4) "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that **the friendship of the world is enmity with God**? whosoever therefore will be **a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**"

"27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and **slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.**

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. 29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. 32 Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, **blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy Book** which Thou hast written."

A meek man defends God, not himself. Moses executed judgment, in God's behalf, and slew a great number of the idolaters. "And there fell of the people that day about three thousand men." Of those remaining, Moses makes intercession for them to the LORD. "**Peradventure** I shall make an atonement for your sin." He was hoping that the whole nation wouldn't need to die. There was still a Covenant; there was still a witness. But most of all, there was still the Glory of the LORD to be honoured. A debt for sin still needed to be met. God's Glory demanded retribution. His Law required it and it must be paid. Moses offered himself, in Christ-like fashion, as a substitute for the sin of his nation. "**Blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy Book.**" The Apostle Paul felt the same way when he said, "2 I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. 3 For I could wish that **myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren**, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Romans 9:2-3). They were **willing** to pay an **Eternal Death** for **others!** (What trophies **are** Moses and Paul as everlasting testaments to the Inner Working of God's Great Love!) A debt truly needed to be paid. "Let them be blotted out of the Book of the Living, and not be written with the Righteous" (Psalm 69:28). But Moses and Paul-- as willing to substitute themselves as they were that "God's chosen people" not be blotted out of the Book of Life forever-- had not, in themselves, that Divine Ability and Power needed to accomplish that selfless goal. That is exactly why Christ Jesus died. No one else could pay that amount! Each man is liable for his own debt, and his own Eternal Punishment could only cover his own sin. Only God Himself, the Perfect Sacrifice, Who had NO debt for personal sin Himself, Who had the Omnipotence that only The Creator has, only He could pay the debt for others. And He did! "He died for ALL, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again" (2Corinthians 5:15). "For God so Loved THE WORLD, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should *not perish*, but have Everlasting Life" (John 3:16). [Please read, "[The Heart of the Gospel](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Voice/The.Heart.of.the.Gospel.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Voice/The.Heart.of.the.Gospel.html> --, by A. T. Pierson, (1837-1911), to understand how God accomplished this amazing Gift for us. And also, see our "[Jehovah Jesus](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/WStS.Jehovah.html)" section -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/WStS.Jehovah.html> -- for more on THE CROSS, and our "[Topical Links On Salvation](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Jehovah/Topical.Links.Salvation.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Jehovah/Topical.Links.Salvation.html> -- for help in receiving your own Paid Gift.]

"33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever **hath sinned** against Me, **him will I blot out** of My Book. 34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, Mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made."

Exodus / Chapter 33

And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swore unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: 2 and I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 3 unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way. 4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. 5 For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. 6 And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the Mount Horeb. 7 And Moses took the Tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the Congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the Tabernacle of the Congregation, which was without the camp. 8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the Tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the Tabernacle.

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and the LORD talked with Moses. 10 And all the people saw the Cloudy Pillar stand at the Tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. 11 And **the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend**. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the Tabernacle."

No earthbound man, not even Moses, has ever seen the face of God the Father. Who's face "no man can approach unto; Whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to Whom be honour and Power everlasting" (1Timothy 6:16), but Who is seen ONLY with the heart, this is "FAITH IN GOD" (Mark 11:22).

- (John 1:18) "No man hath seen God [the Father] at any time; the Only Begotten Son, Which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him."

And yet... "the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend." The Father in Heaven spoke to Moses as "face to face" as any earthbound man can. And the Father spoke as warmly and intimately as the Best Friend of any friends any man has ever had

- (Proverbs 18:24) "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother."
- (Proverbs 17:17) "A friend loveth at all times."
- (John 15:14) "Ye are My friends, **if** ye do whatsoever I command you."

"12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, Thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and Thou hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Yet Thou hast said, 'I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in My sight.' 13 Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, show me now Thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in Thy sight: and consider that this nation is Thy people.

14 And He said, My Presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

15 And he said unto Him, If Thy Presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. 16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in Thy sight? **is it not in that Thou goest with us?** so shall we be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the Earth.

17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name."

What makes God's people different from all other people in the world? He goes WITH us! "Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us**" (Matthew 1:23).

- (Psalm 46:7) "The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Refuge. Selah."
- (Isaiah 8:10) "Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us."
- (Matthew 28:20) "Lo, I Am with you alway, even unto The End of the world. Amen."
- (2Timothy 4:22) "The LORD Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen."

"18 And he said, I beseech Thee, show me Thy Glory.

19 And He said, I will make ALL My GOODNESS pass before thee, and I will proclaim the Name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 And he said, Thou canst NOT see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live. 21 And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: 22 and it shall come to pass, while My Glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by: 23 And I will take away Mine hand, and **thou shalt see My back parts: but My face shall not be seen.**"

So it was that Moses, while on this Earth, did NOT see the Father's face, even though, as Scripture tells us, Moses did speak with the LORD (i.e., "the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend") on the friendliest terms that man can possibly be with Almighty God. Moses did not see the Father's face, yet I will ask, "What man in the flesh has ever seen *any part* of the Heavenly Father's spiritual body?" What human, while in the flesh of this life, has ever been as honoured by the Father, in this manner, as Moses was that day in the "clift of the rock"? "Canst thou by searching find out God?" (Job 11:7). "Who only hath Immortality, dwelling in the Light which no man can approach unto; Whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to Whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen" (1Timothy 6:16).

- Moses was chosen by God to represent Himself to Israel. "2 And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him. 3 And Moses came and told the people all the Words of the LORD, and all the Judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the Words which the LORD hath said will we do" (Exodus 24:2-3).
- Moses stood in the place of God before the children of Israel. "I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the Word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount" (Deuteronomy 5:5). The people, because of their hard hearts, didn't trust the LORD to draw nigh to Him. "And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was" (Exodus 20:21).
- Moses honoured God and God honoured Moses. "With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" (Numbers 12:8). "Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith... them that honour Me I will honour" (1Samuel 2:30).
- Moses demonstrated that he had a pure heart towards God. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of FAITH, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10:22).

"And the LORD said unto Moses,
I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken:
for thou hast found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name."

Exodus / Chapter 34

And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the Words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. 2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto Mount Sinai, and present thyself there to Me in the top of the mount. 3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

4 And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

5 And the LORD descended in the Cloud, and **stood with him there**, and proclaimed the Name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD **passed by before him**, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and Truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that **will by no means clear the guilty**; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the Earth, and worshipped. 9 And he said, If now I have found grace in Thy sight, O LORD, let my LORD, I pray Thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Thine inheritance.

10 And He said, Behold, I make a Covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the Earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the Work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee. 11 Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: 13 but ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: 14 for thou shalt worship no other god: **for the LORD, whose Name is Jealous, is a jealous God**: 15 lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; 16 and thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods. 17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods. 18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. 19 All that openeth the matrix is Mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male. 20 But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before Me empty. 21 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest. 22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. 23 Thrice in the year shall all your menchildren appear before the LORD GOD, the God of Israel. 24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year. 25 Thou shalt **not** offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven [Biblically symbolic of sin]; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the Passover be left unto the morning. 26 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk. 27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these Words: for after the tenor of these Words I have made a Covenant with thee and with Israel.

28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; **he did neither eat bread, nor drink water**. And he wrote upon the tables the Words of the Covenant, the Ten Commandments.

29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tables of Testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that **the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him**. 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. 31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. 32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in Commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. 33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. 34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he took the veil off, until he came out. And he came out, and

spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. 35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with Him."

"One result of communion with God is to make us tender of all that respects God's honor. Moses forgot himself; he had no room for thought of self; hence God was able to clothe him with a halo of glory. An earthly king likes to clothe his servants in fine robes, and God is pleased when we enable him to bless us. -- ANDREW A. BONAR." --from "For Each New Day"

Moses' face shone with the Glory of the LORD as a visible warning to the people that Moses had truly been with the LORD. Therefore, the Words which Moses gave the people, were God's Words, commanded by God, and were to be obeyed.

"20 The Redeemer shall come to Zion,
and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

21 As for Me, this is My Covenant with them, saith the LORD;
My Spirit that is upon thee, and My Words which I have put in thy mouth,
shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed,
nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD,
from henceforth and for ever.

1 Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the Glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the Earth, and gross darkness the people:

but **the LORD shall arise upon thee,**
and **His Glory shall be seen upon thee"**

(Isaiah 59:20-60:2).

"For God, Who commanded the Light to shine out of darkness,
hath shined in our hearts,

to give the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ"

(2Corinthians 4:6).

Exodus / Chapter 40

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the Tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. 3 And thou shalt put therein the Ark of the Testimony, and cover the Ark with the veil. 4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof. 5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the Ark of the Testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the Tabernacle. 6 And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the Tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. 7 And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein. 8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate. 9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the Tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and **it shall be holy."**

With all the ceremony, the impression that the LORD intended to make upon His people was, "Be ye holy; for I Am Holy" (1Peter 1:16). Don't take the LORD for granted! He is God Almighty and **DESERVES** to be obeyed. "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I Am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 20:7). Treat the LORD God with an especial respect. Go the extra mile for Him. No one justifies more of your attention

nor is more worthy of your resources. "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (2Samuel 24:24).

"13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto Me in the priest's office. 14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: 15 and thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto Me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

16 Thus did Moses: according to ALL that the LORD commanded him, so did he...

"18 And Moses reared up the Tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars. 19 And he spread abroad the tent over the Tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; **as the LORD commanded Moses.** 20 And he took and put the Testimony into the Ark, and set the staves on the Ark, and put the Mercy Seat above upon the Ark: 21 and he brought the Ark into the Tabernacle, and set up the veil of the covering, and covered the Ark of the Testimony; **as the LORD commanded Moses...** 25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; **as the LORD commanded Moses...** 27 **as the LORD commanded Moses.** 29 **...as the LORD commanded Moses.** 31 **as the LORD commanded Moses.** 33 **...So Moses finished the work."**

There is no replacement for obedience before the LORD. "as the LORD commanded Moses... So Moses finished the work." His Word is His Command, and as God, obedience is due service. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1Samuel 15:22).

"34 Then a Cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the Glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the Cloud abode thereon, and the Glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle. 36 And when the Cloud was taken up from over the Tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: 37 But if the Cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. 38 For the Cloud of the LORD was upon the Tabernacle by day, and Fire was on it by night, **in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys."**

LEVITICUS

Chapter 1

And the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock. 3 If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, **let him offer a male without blemish:** he shall **offer it of his own voluntary will** at the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation before the LORD. 4 And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him **to make atonement for him."**

The "atonement", that is, the shedding of blood for the forgiveness of sins, was instituted by the LORD to fulfill the Law. For God's Righteous Law demanded that "every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward" (Hebrews 2:2). The offering had to be "male", and had to be "without blemish" (i.e., perfect). And the moral giving of the sacrifice had to be "voluntary". The New Testament Book of Hebrews, of which the Apostle Paul is commonly thought to have authored, gives the account of this establishing as instituted by the LORD's Own servant, Moses. "19 For when Moses had spoken every Precept to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the Book, and all the people, 20 saying,

This is the blood of the Testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the Tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And almost all things are by the Law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission**. 23 It was therefore necessary that the **patterns** of things in the Heavens should be purified with these; but the Heavenly Things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the **figures** of the True; **but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the Presence of God for us**: 25 nor yet that He should offer Himself *often*, as the high priest entereth into the holy place *every year* with blood of others; 26 for then must He *often* have suffered since the foundation of the world: **but now ONCE** in the end of the world hath He appeared **to put away sin by the Sacrifice of Himself**" (Hebrews 9:19-26).

"For Christ also hath **once** suffered for sins, **the Just for the unjust**, that He might **bring us to God**" (1Peter 3:18). The "Atonement" is "at-one-ment" with God through the unselfish Sacrifice made by Jesus Christ. "We also JOY in God through our LORD Jesus Christ, by Whom we have now received The Atonement" (Romans 5:11). The fact that the word "atonement" is used **only once** in the New Testament testifies to the **completeness** of the act. "10 We are sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ **once** for all... 12 But this Man, after He had offered **One Sacrifice** for sins for ever, sat down on the Right Hand of God... 14 for by **One Offering** He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" (Hebrews 10:10,12,14).

"Who needeth NOT DAILY,
as those high priests,
to offer up sacrifice, first for His Own sins, and then for the people's:
for this He did **once**, when He offered up Himself"
(Hebrews 7:27).

"So Christ was **once** offered
to bear the sins of many;
and unto them that look for Him
shall He appear the Second Time without sin unto Salvation"
(Hebrews 9:28).

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves,
but by His Own Blood
He entered in **once** into the Holy Place,
having obtained Eternal Redemption for us"
(Hebrews 9:12).

If the Old Testament "patterns" and "figures" (Hebrews 9:23-24) instituted by Moses and repeated often by the priests by the offering up of the blood of animals, could work sanctification in God's people, then for us now, "how much MORE shall the BLOOD OF CHRIST, Who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself **without spot** to God, **PURGE your conscience from dead works to SERVE the living God?**" (Hebrews 9:14).

- (Ephesians 5:2) "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an Offering and a Sacrifice to God for a Sweet-smelling Savour."
- (Titus 2:14) "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us **from all iniquity**, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, **zealous of good works**." [Please read "He Will Subdue" and "Must We Then"]

SIDE NOTE: A Plea to the Professing Christian Who Continues in Sin. Beloved reader, "*whosoever* abideth in

Him **sinneth not**: *whosoever* sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him" (1John 3:6). Your assurance in Christ is only as solid as your conscience will allow. "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, THEN have we confidence toward God" (1John 3:21). It's easy to claim Christ Jesus as your own, thereby thinking to escape the Eternal Punishment of Hell. But, "he that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked" (1John 2:6). God's Word says that the PROOF of your claim is seen in the life that you live. "He that saith, I know Him, and KEEPETH NOT His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is NOT in him" (1John 2:4). "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:20,26). Your "knowing"-- your "assurance"-- that you are a Christian is only a product of the Holy Spirit's testimony. "And hereby we do KNOW that we know Him, IF we keep His Commandments" (1John 2:3). And the Holy Spirit is given ONLY to those who obey Him. "The Holy Ghost, Whom God hath given to them that obey Him" (Acts 5:32). Yes, Christ died that you might live-- and yes, live now in Christ as well as eternally in Heaven-- but Christ also died that you would quit sin-- the present tense **committing** of it! "He that committeth sin is of the Devil; for the Devil sinneth from The Beginning. **For this purpose** the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy** the works of the Devil" (1John 3:8).

- (1John 3:9) "Whosoever is born of God doth NOT commit sin; for His Seed [the WORD (1Peter 1:23)] remaineth in him: and he cannot sin [or, will not sin], because he is born of God."
- (3John 1:11) "Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is Good. He that doeth Good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God."

That a Christian is able to sin and can fall away, yes, that shamefully happens. But he cannot sin **at the same time** that the Word abides in him. "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God **keepeth himself**, and that wicked one toucheth him not" (1John 5:18). The backslider has no right to the Name of Christ while in that sin. "Of how much SORER punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the Blood of the Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" (Hebrews 10:29). But that a Christian **continues** in sin-- what right has he to even call himself a Christian? It's NOT a matter of losing your Salvation. Scripture is clear that no one can lose Life that is Eternal. "My Father, which gave them Me, is Greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's Hand" (John 10:29). But what present tense evidence is there that you EVER were a Christian? The following verses all demonstrate present tense obedience or disobedience-- and as far as man's eternal condition and knowledge are concerned, present tense defines the future.

- (John 15:10) "**If ye keep My Commandments, ye shall abide** in My love; even as I **have kept My Father's Commandments, and abide** in His love."
- (John 14:23) "Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love Me, he will keep My Words**: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make Our abode with him."
- (John 14:15) "**If ye love Me, keep My Commandments.**"
- (1Corinthians 8:3) "If any man **love God, the same is known** of Him."
- (1John 2:15) "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man **love the world**, the love of the Father **is not in him.**"
- (1John 4:12) "**If we love one another, God dwelleth in us**, and His love is perfected in us."
- (1John 4:20) "If a man say, I **love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar.**"

Even in hoping what is yet to be, the present tense determines the future.

- (Psalm 80:3) "**Turn us** again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we **shall be saved.**"
- (Proverbs 28:18) "Whoso **walketh** uprightly **shall be saved**: but he that **is perverse** in his ways **shall fall** at once."

- (Mark 16:16) "He that **believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that **believeth not shall be damned**."
- (Acts 15:11) "But we **believe** that through the Grace of the LORD Jesus Christ we **shall be saved**, even as they."
- (Romans 5:9) "Much more then, **being now justified** by His Blood, we **shall be saved** from Wrath through Him."

"Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye DO these things, ye shall never fall" (2Peter 1:10).

- (2Peter 3:17) "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye **KNOW** these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness."
- (1Corinthians 10:12) "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth **take heed** lest he fall."
- (Revelation 2:5) "**Remember** therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

FAITH is alive. FAITH is present tense. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in Truth. And **hereby** we KNOW that we are of the Truth, and shall ASSURE our hearts before Him" (1John 3:18). What excuse can there possibly be for professing Christians to continue in sin? "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the Living God" (Hebrews 3:12). With The Gift that Christ Jesus paid for, there is NO excuse for sin. "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might **sanctify the people with HIS OWN BLOOD**" (Hebrews 13:12). Therefore, beloved, "let us draw near with a TRUE heart in FULL ASSURANCE of FAITH, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" (Hebrews 10:22). And "keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the Mercy of our LORD Jesus Christ unto Eternal Life" (Jude 1:21).

"And we know that the Son of God is come,
and hath given us an understanding,
that we may KNOW Him that is True, and we ARE IN Him that is True,
even in His Son Jesus Christ.
This is the True God, and Eternal Life"
(1John 5:20).

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Numbers / Chapter 11

And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and His anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp. 2 And the people cried unto Moses; and when **Moses prayed unto the LORD**, the fire was quenched. 3 And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them. 4 And the mixed multitude that was among them *fell a lusting*: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, **Who** shall give us flesh to eat? 5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: 6 but now our soul is dried away: *there is nothing at all, beside this manna*, before our eyes."

"7 And the manna **was as coriander seed**, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium. 8 And the people went about, and gathered it, and **ground it in mills**, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and **made cakes of it**: and the taste of it was **as the taste of fresh oil**."

In the Scriptures, oil is often identified with the Holy Spirit.

"9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it. 10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast Thou afflicted **Thy servant**? and wherefore have I not found favour in Thy sight, that Thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? 12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that Thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers? 13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat. 14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. 15 And if Thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray Thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in Thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the Tabernacle of the Congregation, that they may stand there with thee. 17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the Spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, **Who** shall give us flesh to eat? for **it was well with us in Egypt**: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. 19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; 20 but even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, **Why came we forth out of Egypt?**

21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and Thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. 22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether My Word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

24 And Moses went out, and told the people the Words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the Tabernacle. 25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

"31 And there went forth a Wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the Earth. 32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. 33 **And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.** 34 And He called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there **they buried the people that lusted.**"

Numbers / Chapter 12

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And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. 2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken *only* by Moses? hath He

not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it."

When we commit sin, as Miriam and Aaron so arrogantly did here, it should cause us to tremble and quake to the point of repentance, that "the LORD heard it."

"3 (**Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the Earth.**) 4 And the LORD spake **suddenly** unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the Tabernacle of the Congregation. And they three came out."

True meekness defends God-- not self. And being the meekest man "above all the men which were upon the face of the Earth", as credited by God, Himself, Moses certainly didn't defend himself. He also didn't need to-- for the Meekest Being in Existence was about to defend him, and as none else could. "Come out ye three", "suddenly" determines the LORD, preparing the way, as Defense Attorney in the case of His servant, Moses. And then, acting also as "the Judge of all the Earth" (Genesis 18:25), He calls the two offenders to stand before Him.

"5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the Tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. 6 And He said, Hear now MY Words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make Myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream."

To any "ordinary" prophet of the LORD, Divine communication comes "unto him in a vision" or "in a dream". Not so with Moses. He was NOT your "ordinary" prophet!

"7 **My servant Moses** is NOT so, who is FAITHFUL in all Mine house. 8 With him will I speak **mouth to mouth**, even **apparently**, and NOT in dark speeches; and **the similitude of the LORD shall he behold**: WHEREFORE THEN were ye not afraid to speak against **My servant Moses**?"

With great restraint, the LORD presides over the offenders, not allowing them the freedom of opening "excuses" nor closing "arguments." His anger kindles, and He leaves them with the Judgment already executed.

"9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and He departed. 10 And the cloud departed from off the Tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous."

- (Psalm 9:16) "The LORD is known by the Judgment which He executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of [her] own hands. Higgaion. Selah."

"11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned. 12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb."

What does the meekest man on Earth do?

"13 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech Thee."

He intercedes to the LORD for the person who offended him. And the LORD hears a meek man, for "the meek shall inherit the Earth" (Psalm 37:11).

"14 And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven

days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again. 15 And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again."

Numbers / Chapter 20

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Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there."

We have reached the point in this recounting of Moses where the great servant of the LORD, and his siblings, are ending their sojourning on this Earth.

- "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season" (Job 5:26).

"2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

3 And the people chided with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! 4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? 5 And wherefore have ye **made us to come** up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this **evil** place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the Glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and **speak ye** unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as He commanded him. 10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? 11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod **he smote the rock twice**: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also."

Moses disobeyed the LORD. God told him to speak to the rock, not to hit it twice. It would have been more glorifying to the LORD, and had a more sanctifying effect on the people, if Moses had obeyed the LORD and brought forth the water from the rock by merely speaking the words. The LORD knew what effect He wanted. If He had wanted His servant to strike the rock, He would have told him so. But the children of Israel had provoked Moses to wrath and disobedience.

- (Numbers 32:23) "If ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out."
- (Proverbs 20:11) "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right."
- (1John 3:20-21) "20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God."

"12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, **Because ye believed me NOT, to SANCTIFY Me in the eyes of the children of Israel**, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. 13 This is the water of Meribah, because the children of Israel strove with the LORD...

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying, 24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall NOT enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against My Word at the water of Meribah... 28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. 29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel."

More will be said of Moses' punishment and death subsequently.

Numbers / Chapter 25

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And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. 2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. 3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. 5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor. 6 And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a MIDIANITISH woman *in the sight of Moses*, and *in the sight of all the congregation* of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation."

The insult of this man "of Israel", in his bold impudence and disrespect of God's Law, to shamelessly and intentionally affront God Almighty was more than Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron, was willing to endure. His outrage at the disgrace and insolence of a fellow Hebrew against their Most Patient and Compassionate God, burned in his breast and impelled him to immediate judgment.

"7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8 and he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. 9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand. 10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned My wrath away from the children of Israel, while **he was zealous for My sake** among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in My jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, **I give unto him My Covenant of Peace**: 13 and he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the Covenant of an everlasting priesthood; **because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.**"

Numbers / Chapter 27

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And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel. 13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered. 14 **For ye rebelled against My Commandment** in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify Me at the water before their eyes: that is the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin."

The LORD God demands holiness from His people. "Ye shall be holy unto Me: for I the LORD am Holy,

and have severed you from other people, that ye should be Mine" (Leviticus 20:26).

- (Leviticus 19:2) "Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am Holy."

Moses **allowed** the sin of the people to embitter him, causing him to sin. "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled" (Hebrews 12:15). There is NO excuse for sin. Yes, Moses was provoked by a "stiffnecked people" (Exodus 32:9), but that's why it was all the more important for him to NOT SIN before them. He was God's representative. Aaron and Moses stood in the place of God before these people. "And he [Aaron] shall be thy [Moses'] spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God" (Exodus 4:16). Moses was supposed to justify God's Wisdom in choosing him as their leader. He let God down. Moses did not "sanctify" the LORD before the people when he chose to satisfy his own pride. In this sin, Moses was NOT a meek man-- he did not defend God instead of himself. Yes, it was only *one* sin. But, "whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in *one* point, he is guilty of ALL" (James 2:10). A Holy God cannot tolerate even *one* sin. But even more, this *one* sin was committed in front of the whole congregation, therefore the punishment had to be equal to the crime. "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear" (1Timothy 5:20). Therefore, Moses could not lead his people into the Promised Land, even though God had forgiven him. "32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: 33 because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips" (Psalm 106:32-33).

"As much a lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.' --Romans xii. 18. A lady who was somewhat quick-tempered, but was very desirous of becoming a Christian, once said to me, 'Mr. Peploe, I assure you there is no fault in my case, because I never lose my temper unless I am provoked!' No, and I do not think the devil does! To lose your temper shows that you are out of communion with your blessed Lord. If the peace of Christ ruled in our hearts, we could never again be provoked. Think of that! Moses was so provoked that he spoke unadvisedly, and yet he was the meekest man that ever lived. But Moses had not the risen Christ to dwell in his heart. Be not discouraged or fear lest you may fall to-morrow. You need only live one moment at a time. Can Christ keep you this minute in a good temper? Then he can keep you the next moment, and the next, and so on forever. He can keep you in peace amid the severest trials, even such as he had to bear-- in loss of friends, in persecution, in death. -- H. W. WEBB-PEPLOE."
--from "For Each New Day"

- (Deuteronomy 17:13) "And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously."
- (Galatians 2:11) "When Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed."
- (2Timothy 4:2) "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."
- (Titus 1:13) "This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith."

"15 And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying, 16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, 17 which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; 19 and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him

a charge in their sight. 20 And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. 21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: 23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

DEUTERONOMY

Chapter 4

Moses exhorted his people to keep God's "Statutes and Judgments": "6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these Statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. 7 For what nation is there so great, **who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon Him for?** 8 And what nation is there so great, that hath Statutes and Judgments so righteous as all this Law, which I set before you this day? 9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons."

(Psalm 121:8) "The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

"10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather Me the people together, and I will make them hear My Words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the Earth, and that they may teach their children.

11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and **the mountain burned with fire** unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. 12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: **ye heard the Voice of the Words**, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a Voice. 13 And He declared unto you His Covenant, which He **commanded you to perform**, even Ten Commandments; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone. 14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you Statutes and Judgments, **that ye might do them** in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

There is no substitution for obedience-- whether in the Old Testament or in the New Testament.

"The core principle of Christianity is what? Faith? No; more than that, deeper yet than that; the core principle of practical Christianity is obedience-- obedience to Jesus Christ. The core principle in the commonwealth is obedience to law; the core principle in every well-regulated family is obedience to parental authority. I am afraid there is not so much of that old filial spirit as there used to be. When a boy has learned the difference between 'you may' and 'you must,' that boy has the first start in genuine manhood. Obedience is the first and the great thing in this school of life in which the Master has placed us. Has not the Master said, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments'? The motto for every Christian should be, 'Find out what Jesus Christ wants you to do, and then *do* it.' -- THEODORE L. CUYLER." --from "For Each New Day"

"15 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: 16 lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a

graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, [for the purpose of worship] 17 the likeness of any beast that is on the Earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, 18 the likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the Earth: 19 and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to **worship them**, and **serve them**, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. 20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto Him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day."

A quote from D. L. Moody:

"We might go off to other ages or other lands and find people who make images and bow down to them; but we have none here. Let us see if this is true. Let us step into the scales and see if we can turn them when weighed against this commandment.

I believe this is where the battle is fought. Satan tries to keep us from worshipping God aright, and from making Him first in everything. If I let some image made by man get into my heart and take the place of God the Creator, it is a Sin. I believe that Satan is willing to have us worship anything, however sacred- the Bible, the crucifix, the church- if only we do not worship God Himself.

You cannot find a place in the Bible where a man has been allowed to bow down and worship anyone but the God of heaven and Jesus Christ His Son. In the book of Revelation when an angel came down to John, he was about to fall down and worship him, but the angel would not let him. If an angel from heaven is not to be worshiped, when you find people bowing down to pictures, to images, even when they bow down to worship the cross, it is a sin. There are a great many who seem to be carried away with these things." --from "[The Ten Commandments](#)" --

<http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Voice/Moody.Ten.Commandments.html> -- by [D. L. Moody](#) --

<http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/D.L.Moody.html> --

"21 Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should NOT go over Jordan, and that I should NOT go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance: 22 but I must DIE IN THIS land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land." [Read more on the issue concerning Moses' punishment and death in Deuteronomy [32](#) and especially in chapter [34](#).]

"23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the Covenant of the LORD your God, which He made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee. 24 For the LORD thy God is a Consuming Fire, even a Jealous God. 25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke Him to anger: 26 I call Heaven and Earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall NOT prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. 27 And the LORD shall **scatter you among the nations**, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. 28 And there ye shall **SERVE gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.**"

The LORD warned His people that if they FELL out of love with Him, that the sin of worshipping idols would be their downfall. And God does give to "every man according as he purposeth in his heart" (2Corinthians 9:7).

- (Ezekiel 36:19) "And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries:

according to their way and according to their doings I judged them."

- (Jeremiah 21:14) "But I will punish you **according to the fruit of your doings**, saith the LORD."
- (Hosea 12:2) "The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob **according to his ways; according to his doings** will He recompense him."
- (Zechariah 1:6) "But My Words and My Statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, **according to our ways, and according to our doings**, so hath He dealt with us."
- (Jeremiah 32:19) "Great in Counsel, and Mighty in work: for Thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one **according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings**."

"29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find Him, **if thou seek Him with ALL thy heart and with ALL thy soul.**"

- (Matthew 22:37) "Love the LORD thy God with ALL thy heart, and with ALL thy soul, and with ALL thy mind."

"30 When thou art in Tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, **even in the Latter Days**, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His Voice; 31 (For the LORD thy God is a Merciful God;) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the Covenant of thy fathers which He swore unto them.

32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the Earth, and **ask from the one side of Heaven unto the other**, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? 33 **Did ever people hear the Voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?** 34 **Or hath God assayed to go and take Him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by Signs, and by Wonders, and by war, and by a Mighty Hand, and by a Stretched Out Arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?** 35 Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest **KNOW THAT THE LORD HE IS GOD; THERE IS NONE ELSE BESIDE HIM.** 36 Out of heaven He made thee to **hear His Voice**, that He might **instruct** thee: and upon Earth He **showed** thee His Great Fire; and thou **heardest His Words** out of the midst of the fire.

37 And **because He LOVED thy fathers**, therefore **He CHOSE their seed after them**, and brought thee out in His sight with His Mighty Power out of Egypt; 38 to drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

39 Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the

LORD HE IS GOD IN HEAVEN ABOVE,
AND UPON THE EARTH BENEATH:
THERE IS NONE ELSE.

40 Thou shalt keep **THEREFORE** His Statutes, and His Commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the Earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever...

44 And this is the Law which Moses set before the children of Israel: 45 these are the Testimonies, and the

Statutes, and the Judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy / Chapter 5

And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the Statutes and Judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them. 2 The LORD our God made a Covenant with us in Horeb. 3 The LORD made not this Covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. 4 The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire, 5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the Word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

6 I Am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 7 Thou shalt have none other gods before Me."

Moses again read the Ten Commandments to the people of Israel.

"22 These Words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, **with a Great Voice**: and He added no more. And He wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me... 32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33 Ye shall walk in all the Ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you,

that ye may **live**, and

that it may be **well** with you, and

that ye may **prolong** your days in the land which ye shall possess."

Blessings come as the fruit of obedience. "This thing commanded I them, saying, **Obey My Voice**, and I will be your God, and ye shall be My people: and walk ye in all the Ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you" (Jeremiah 7:23). A loving God commands only what is in your best interest. His Ways prosper His purposes, Heavens purposes, and your purposes. But it takes agreement to have the same purposes. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Heaven is Paradise because God resides there and all in residence there agree with Him. They are blessed because their freewill chooses to obey what God says is best for them. "As for God, His Way is Perfect; the Word of the LORD is Tried: He is a Buckler to all them that trust in Him" (2Samuel 22:31). And blessings follow obedience when we seek that His "Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

The Ten Commandments, when carefully considered, all relate either to man's treatment of God or to his treatment of his fellow man. This is why the LORD Jesus said, "37 Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with ALL thy heart, and with ALL thy soul, and with ALL thy mind. 38 This is the First and Great Commandment. 39 And the Second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these Two Commandments hang ALL the Law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40).

- (John 13:34) "A New Commandment I give unto you, That ye **love one another; as I have loved you**, that ye also love one another."
- (James 2:8) "If ye fulfil the Royal Law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well."

- (Matthew 7:12) "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the Law and the prophets."
- (Galatians 6:2) "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the Law of Christ."
- (Romans 13:8,10) "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the Law...Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore Love is the fulfilling of the Law."

Deuteronomy / Chapter 6

Now these are the Commandments, the Statutes, and the Judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: 2 that thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all His Statutes and His Commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is One LORD: 5 and thou shalt love the LORD thy God with ALL thine heart, and with ALL thy soul, and with ALL thy might. 6 And these Words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 and **thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children**, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up... 10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which He sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, 11 and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; *when thou shalt have eaten and be full*; 12 *then BEWARE lest thou forget the LORD*, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve Him, and shalt swear by His Name. 14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; 15 (For the LORD thy God is a Jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the Earth.

Deuteronomy / Chapter 31

And the LORD said unto Moses, **Behold, thy days approach that thou must die**: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the Tabernacle of the Congregation. 15 And the LORD appeared in the Tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the Tabernacle. 16 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers**; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake Me, and break My Covenant which I have made with them. 17 Then My anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? 18 And I will surely hide My face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods. 19 **Now therefore write ye this Song for you, and teach it the children of Israel**: put it in their mouths, **that this Song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel**. 20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke Me, and break My Covenant. 21 And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that **this Song shall testify against them as a witness**; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I sware. 22 **Moses therefore**

wrote this Song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel."

The LORD's wrath...

"23 And He gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore unto them: and I will be with thee. 24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the Words of this Law in a Book, until they were finished, 25 that Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD, saying, 26 Take this Book of the Law, and put it in the side of the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. 27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, **while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?...** 30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the Words of this Song."

Deuteronomy / Chapter 32

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O Earth, the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: 3 because I will publish the Name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are Judgment: **a God of Truth and without iniquity**, Just and Right is He. 5 They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of His children: they are a perverse and crooked generation. 6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not He thy Father that hath bought thee? hath He not made thee, and established thee?"

But they forgot all the wondrous things that God had done for them. They forgot God. And iniquity always reaps punishment.

- (Job 8:13) "So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish."
- (Psalm 9:17) "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."
- (Psalm 50:22) "Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver."

Sinning hearts cannot sin unless they first forget God. "**If ye love Me, keep My Commandments**" (John 14:15). "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" (Revelation 2:5). Beware, beloved, Laodicea is the age where "iniquity shall abound, [and] the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12).

"16 They provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they Him to anger. 17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. 18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast **forgotten God that formed thee.**"

In treasuring the Word, Moses had tried his best to keep the children of Israel from wandering away from the LORD. But, even at the end of his life, he received the sad report concerning them from the very mouth of God.

"19 And when the LORD saw it, He abhorred them, because of the provoking of His sons, and of His daughters. 20 And He said, I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is NO FAITH. 21 They have moved Me to jealousy with that

which is not God; they have provoked Me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. 22 For a fire is kindled in Mine anger, and shall **burn unto the lowest hell**, and shall consume the Earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains."

Truly, to turn our back on God, after having KNOWN Him, is the greatest sin of all. "29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we KNOW Him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto Me, I will recompense, saith the LORD. And again, The LORD shall judge His people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God" (Hebrews 10:29-31). How fearful? You cannot have a stronger enemy than the Almighty! You do NOT want to tempt Omnipotence! "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the Knowledge of the LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, **and overcome**, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning" (2Peter 2:20).

- (Psalm 50:22) "Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver."
- (Hosea 4:6) "My people are destroyed for lack of Knowledge: because thou hast rejected Knowledge, I will also reject thee... seeing thou hast forgotten the Law of thy God, I will also forget Thy children."

"23 I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them. 24 They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. 25 The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs... 28 For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. 29 *O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!* 30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up? 31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. 32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: 33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. 34 Is not this laid up in store with Me, and sealed up among My Treasures? 35 **To Me belongeth vengeance, and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time:** for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them **make haste.**"

These Warnings are as applicable today as they were when they were given. The sins are the same, only more grievous "Evil men and seducers shall wax **worse and worse**, deceiving, and being deceived" (2Timothy 3:13). And the Judgment will be appropriate to the crime.

"36 For the LORD shall judge His people... 39 See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god with Me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of My hand... 41 If I whet My Glittering Sword, and Mine hand take hold on Judgment; I will render vengeance to Mine enemies, and will reward them that hate Me. 42 I will make Mine arrows drunk with blood, and My Sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy."

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Moses is commanded by the Almighty to go to the place where he shall soon die.

"48 And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, 49 Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: 50 **and die in the mount whither thou goest up,**

and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in Mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: 51 **because ye trespassed against Me** among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye **sanctified Me not in the midst of the children of Israel**. 52 Yet **thou shalt see the land** before thee; **but thou shalt not go thither unto the land** which I give the children of Israel."

As we said earlier, in Numbers 20, Moses disobeyed the LORD when God told him to speak to the rock, and instead he hit the rock, and not just once, but twice. It would have been more glorifying and justifying to God, and would have had a more **sanctifying** effect on the people, if Moses had obeyed the LORD and brought forth the water from the rock by merely **SPEAKING** the words. If God had wanted His servant to strike the rock, He would have told him so. But the children of Israel had provoked Moses to wrath and disobedience.

Deuteronomy / Chapter 33

And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; He shined forth from Mount Paran, and He came with ten thousands of saints: from His right hand went a fiery Law for them... 3 Yea, He loved the people... 26 There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, Who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in His excellency on the sky. 27 The Eternal God is thy Refuge, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. 28 Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also His heavens shall drop down dew. 29 Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people **saved by the LORD**, the Shield of thy help, and Who is the Sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

- (Isaiah 54:17) "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the **heritage** of the servants [i.e., ones who serve] of the LORD, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the LORD."

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Deuteronomy / Chapter 34

The Death of Moses

And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, 2 and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, 3 and the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: **I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.**

5 So **Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the Word of the LORD**. 6 And He [the LORD] buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but **no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.**

7 And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended."

The LORD God loved His servant, Moses. All the host of Israel knew that God favoured Moses with special privileges, which of course was only Just and Fair on God's part. After all, Scripture is very clear on this point, that if you "draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8). The Almighty says to *anyone*, "them that honour Me I will honour" (1Samuel 2:30). And because of this intimacy with His servant, for the servant's sake, for the people's sake, and most of all because of His Own Just Character, God had to judge Moses! "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear" (1Timothy 5:20). It was NOT overly harsh of the LORD to have been so severe with Moses, for the LORD is ALWAYS Just in His dealings with men. "**Sing the song of Moses the servant of God**, and the Song of the Lamb, saying,

Great and marvellous are Thy works, LORD God Almighty; **Just and True are thy Ways**, thou King of saints"

(Revelation 15:3).

And the LORD promises to us, in His Word, that, "If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and **where I am, there shall also My servant be**: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour" (John 12:26). Let us heed these Words if we wish to "follow" the LORD to Where He is, for the time of the LORD's Return is nigh at hand, "and every man that hath this hope **in Him** purifieth himself, even as He is Pure" (1John 3:3). [Please read, "[The Character of God Is Revealed in the Rapture](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Timeline/Character.of.God.in.Raptur.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Timeline/Character.of.God.in.Raptur.html> --.]

"9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the Spirit Of Wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, 11 in all the Signs and the Wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, 12 and in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses showed in the sight of all Israel."

As in his life, even so was Moses in his death, a servant of his God. "So **Moses the servant of the LORD** died there in the land of Moab, according to the Word of the LORD" (34:5). And the LORD emphasizes His emotions regarding His dear servant. "There arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face" (34:10).

Addendum: The Record of Israel's Continual Backslidings / Psalm 106

"7 Our fathers understood not Thy Wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of Thy mercies; but provoked Him at the sea, even at the Red Sea. 8 Nevertheless He saved them for His Name's sake, **that He might make His mighty power to be known**. 9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up: so He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. 10 And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. 11 And the waters covered their enemies: **there was not one of them left**. 12 **THEN believed they His Words**; they sang His praise. 13 **They soon forgot His works**; they waited NOT for His Counsel: 14 but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and **tempted God** in the desert. 15 And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul. 16 **They envied Moses** also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD. 17 The Earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. 18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked. 19 They made a calf in Horeb, and **worshipped the molten image**. 20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. 21 **They forgot God their Saviour**, which had done great things in Egypt; 22 wondrous works in the

land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red Sea. 23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not **Moses His chosen** stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath, lest He should destroy them. 24 Yea, **they despised the pleasant land, they believed not His Word:** 25 but **murmured** in their tents, and hearkened NOT unto the Voice of the LORD. 26 Therefore He lifted up His hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness: 27 to overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands. 28 **They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor**, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. 29 Thus they provoked Him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them. 30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed. 31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore. 32 **They angered Him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:** 33 because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips. 34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them: 35 but **were mingled among the heathen**, and learned their works. 36 And **they served their idols:** which were a snare unto them. 37 Yea, **they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,** 38 **and shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan:** and the land was polluted with blood. 39 Thus were they **defiled with their own works,** and **went a whoring with their own inventions.** 40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against His people, insomuch that He abhorred His own inheritance. 41 And He gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them. 42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand. 43 **Many times did He deliver them; but they provoked Him with their counsel,** and were brought low for their iniquity. 44 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry: 45 And He remembered for them His Covenant, and repented according to the multitude of His mercies. 46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives. 47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto Thy holy Name, and to triumph in Thy praise. 48 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD."

- o "2:18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them... 6:9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land... 8:34 *And the children of Israel remembered NOT the LORD their God, Who had delivered them out of the hands of ALL their enemies on every side*" (Judges 2:18, 6:9, 8:34).

Beyond the Pentateuch, the Scripture has many reminders for us that Moses' calling in life was to serve God.

JOSHUA

(Joshua 1) "1 Now after the death of **Moses the servant of the LORD** it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2 **Moses My servant** is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. 5 There

shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the Law, which **Moses My servant** commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest **observe to do according to ALL that is written therein**: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest...

13 Remember the Word which **Moses the servant of the LORD** commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them; 15 until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as He hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which **Moses the LORD'S servant** gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go. 17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as He was with Moses.

"But take diligent heed to do the Commandment and the Law, which **Moses the servant of the LORD** charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in ALL His Ways, and to keep His Commandments, and to cleave unto Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul."

(Joshua 22:5)

CHRONICLES

(1Chronicles 6:49) "But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the place most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that **Moses the servant of God** had commanded."

(2Chronicles 24:6) "And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the Commandment of **Moses the servant of the LORD**, and of the congregation of Israel, for the Tabernacle of witness?"

NEHEMIAH

Another Recounting of Israel's Deliverance from Egypt

(Nehemiah. 9:6-21,23) "6 Thou, even Thou, art LORD alone; Thou hast made heaven, the Heaven of heavens, with all their host, the Earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and Thou preservest them all; and the host of Heaven worshippeth Thee.

7 Thou art the LORD the God, Who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; 8 and foundest his heart faithful before Thee, and madest a Covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, **and hast performed Thy Words; for Thou art Righteous**: 9 and didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red Sea; 10 and showedst Signs and Wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for Thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst Thou get Thee a Name, as it is this day.

11 And Thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors Thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. 12 Moreover Thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them **light in the way wherein they should go**.

13 Thou camest down also upon Mount Sinai, and spakest with them from Heaven, and gavest them **Right Judgments, and True Laws, Good Statutes and Commandments**: 14 and madest known unto them Thy Holy Sabbath, and commandedst them Precepts, Statutes, and Laws, by the hand of **Moses Thy servant**. 15 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which Thou hadst sworn to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to Thy Commandments, 17 and refused to obey, neither were mindful of Thy Wonders that Thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. 18 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; 19 yet Thou in Thy Manifold Mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way wherein they should go.

20 Thou gavest also **Thy Good Spirit to instruct them**, and withheldst not Thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. 21 Yea, forty years didst Thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not... 23 Their children also multipliedst Thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which Thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

DANIEL

Daniel served the LORD similarly as did Moses. He praised the operation of His Maker's hands in benefitting His human creations. "I thought it good to show the Signs and Wonders that The High God hath wrought toward me. How great are His Signs! and how mighty are His Wonders! His Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom, and His Dominion is from generation to generation" (Daniel 4:2-3). Daniel also had the testimony of being called God's servant. "And the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, **servant of the Living God**, is thy God, Whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?" (Daniel 6:20).

(Daniel 9:11) "Yea, all Israel have transgressed Thy Law, even by departing, that they might not obey Thy Voice; therefore the Curse is poured upon us, and the Oath that is written in the Law of **Moses the servant of God**, because we have sinned against Him."

- (Hosea 14:9) "Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for

the Ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein."

- (Zephaniah 3:5) "The just LORD is in the midst thereof; He will not do iniquity: every morning doth He bring His Judgment to light, He faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame."
- (Micah 7:20) "Thou wilt perform the Truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which Thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old."

JOHN

Moses gave us the Law and Jesus fulfilled it.

(John 1:14,17) "14 And the Word [Jesus] was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth... 17 For the Law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ."

The LORD Jesus and His servant, Moses, gave testimony to all of mankind that the Father gave us His Truth. "I [Jesus] have given them Thy [the Father's] Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17:14). Moses endured suffering to give God's people the Law. Jesus Christ not only fulfilled the Law, but died doing so. "Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you keepeth the Law? Why go ye about to kill Me [Jesus]?" (John 7:19). Moses came to "bear witness" of "the Truth". "To this end was I [Jesus] born, and **for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the Truth**. Every one that is of the Truth heareth My Voice" (John 18:37). **Jesus Christ is "The Truth"**. "Jesus saith unto him, I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6).

Moses led God's people to freedom. Jesus is Freedom to God's people.
"And ye shall know the Truth [Jesus], and the Truth shall make you Free"
(John 8:32).

HEBREWS

(Hebrews 3:5) "And **Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant**, for a Testimony of those things which were to be spoken after."

(Hebrews 11:23-29) "23 By FAITH Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24 By FAITH Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. 27 By FAITH he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him Who is Invisible. 28 Through FAITH he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest He that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By FAITH they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned."

REVELATION

The last written Testimony from God to His people.

(Revelation 1:1-3) "1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His

servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto **His servant John**: 2 who bare record of the Word of God, and of the Testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the Words of this Prophecy, and KEEP those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

As we read "in The Beginning" (Genesis 1:1), the Law of God came from the heart of God, and was given to Moses, to be given to men. The Pentateuch (the first five Books of the Bible) are a written Testimony from God to His people. Moses was the human tool with which God wrote His Eternal Words. Moses was also the instrumentality, or conduit, which God dramatically used in giving to mankind the Ten Commandments. "And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of Testimony, tables of stone, **written with the Finger of God**" (Exodus 31:18). The LORD thus impressed forgetful and unloving men with their necessity to always obey God. But this was, by no means, the *end* of God's demonstration.

"I am Alpha and Omega, **The Beginning and The Ending**,
saith the LORD,
which Is, and which Was, and which Is To Come,
The Almighty"
(Revelation 1:8).

The mighty depiction of God's Love for His Word, of His regard for man's obedience to His Word, by visually writing His Law with His Finger, was only a "shadow of Heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God" (Hebrews 8:5). This demonstration of Love was fulfilled, as was the Law (for "Love is the fulfilling of the Law" [Romans 13:10]), by Jesus Christ, Whose very Being is Love. "God is Love" (1John 4:8). **Love always obeys** and satisfies the Law. "**If ye love Me, keep My Commandments**" (John 14:15). That Standard for Loving Obedience will FOREVER BELONG to "JESUS CHRIST, Who is the Faithful Witness, and the First Begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the Earth... Him that **loved us**, and washed us from our sins in His OWN BLOOD" (Revelation 1:5).

- (Romans 10:4) "For Christ is The End of the Law for Righteousness to every one that believeth."

And "Moses **the servant of God**" (Revelation 15:3), in authoring the first quarter of the entire Old Testament, who is mentioned periodically throughout the Bible in 774 verses, and finally, as being an important part of God's plan at the very end of the Scriptures, totally justifies The Word's title of him as "The Servant of God" (15:3). For we believe that one of the "Two Witnesses" spoken of in the Book of Revelation will be Moses. "And I will give Power unto My Two Witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth" (Revelation 11:3).

"Both Moses and Elijah met with the LORD Jesus at His Transfiguration, which depicts their importance to our LORD's program for the future salvation of Israel. "30 And, behold, there talked with Him two men, which were Moses and Elias: 31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:30-31). Though the Revelation tells us that the ministry of the Two Witnesses will be cut short by their death, i.e., the "Beast that ascendeth out of the Bottomless Pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them" (11:7), in the case of Moses, it will not be the first time that someone died, was resurrected, and (presumably) died again, i.e., Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha. "43 And when [Jesus] thus had spoken, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go" (John 11:43-44)." --from our "[Commentary on the Book of Revelation](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/The.Holy.Bible/index.html#Revelation)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/The.Holy.Bible/index.html#Revelation> --, chapter 11: "[The Two Witnesses and the Seventh Trumpet](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/The.Holy.Bible/Commentary.Revelations.11.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/The.Holy.Bible/Commentary.Revelations.11.html> --. [For more background on Elijah, please read our "[Elijah and the Prophets of Baal](#)" --

There is soon to be some Heavenly singing. And Moses will have his part in that also, as this last Book records for us.

(Revelation 5:9-13) "9 And they sung a New Song, saying,

*Thou art Worthy to take the Book,
and to open the Seals thereof:*

*for Thou wast slain,
and hast redeemed us to God
by Thy Blood*

*out of every kindred, and tongue,
and people, and nation;*

10 *And hast made us unto our God kings and priests:
and we shall reign on the Earth.*

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the Throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice,

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength,
and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

13 And every creature which is in Heaven, and on the Earth, and under the Earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying,

*Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power,
be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne,
and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

(Revelation 15:3) "**And they sing the Song of Moses the servant of God**, and the Song of the Lamb, saying,

*Great and marvellous are Thy Works, LORD God Almighty;
Just and True are Thy Ways, Thou King Of Saints"*

Let us learn from Moses, that to be a "servant of God", we must KNOW God-- His Character, His Motives, and His Goals. And then, in knowing God, in knowing His "Works" and His "Ways", we shall be able to serve God with a meek and pure heart-- in love. "Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with ALL thy heart, and with ALL thy soul, and with ALL thy mind... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:37,39).

"Looking for that Blessed Hope, and the Glorious Appearing
of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
Who gave Himself for us,
that He might redeem us from ALL iniquity,
and **purify** unto Himself a peculiar people,
zealous of good works"

THE END

A Poem

The Burial of Moses

by Cecil Frances Alexander*

(1818-1895)

By Nebo's lonely mountain,
On this side Jordan's wave
In a vale in the land of Moab,
There lies a lonely grave.
And no man knows that sepulchre,
And no man saw it e'er,
For the angels of God upturned the sod,
And laid the dead man there.

That was the grandest funeral
That ever passed on earth;
But no man heard the trampling,
Or saw the train go forth:
Noiselessly as the daylight
Comes back when night is done,
And the crimson streak on ocean's cheek
Grows into the great sun;

Noiselessly as the springtime
Her crown of verdure weaves,
And all the trees on all the hills
Open their thousand leaves;
So without sound of music
Or voice of them that wept,
Silently down from the mountain's crown
The great procession swept.

Perchance that bald old eagle
On gray Beth-peor's height,
Out of his lonely eerie
Looked on that wondrous sight:
Perchance the lion stalking,
Still shuns that hallowed spot,
For beast and bird have seen and heard
That which man knoweth not.

But when the warrior dieth,
His comrades in the war,
With arms reversed and muffled drum,
Follow his funeral car;
They show the banners taken,
They tell the battles won,
And after him lead the masterless steed,
While peals the minute-gun.

Amid the noblest of the land
We lay the sage to rest,
And give the bard an honored place,
With costly marble drest,
In the great minster transept
When lights like glories fall,
And the organ rings and the sweet choir sings
Along the emblazoned wall.

This was the truest warrior
That ever buckled sword,
This the most gifted poet
That ever breathed a word;
And never earth's philosopher
Traced with his golden pen,
On the deathless page, truths half so sage
As he wrote down for men.

And he had not high honor,--
The hillside for a pall,
To lie in state while angels wait
With stars for tapers tall,
And the dark rock-pines like tossing plumes
Over his bier to wave,
And God's own hand in that lonely land,
To lay him in the grave?

In that strange grave without a name,
Whence his uncoffined clay
Should break again, O wondrous thought!
Before the judgment day,
And stand with glory wrapped around
On the hills he never trod,
And speak of the strife that won our life
With the Incarnate Son of God.

O lonely grave in Moab's land!
O dark Beth-peor's hill!
Speak to these curious hearts of ours,
And teach them to be still.
God hath his mysteries of grace,
Ways that we cannot tell;
He hides them deep like the hidden sleep
Of him he loved so well.

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