

The Life of Moses - Learning to Follow God

His final days - His Heritage

Deuteronomy 33:36- 34:12

In the first forty years of his life, Moses lived as Pharaoh's son which gave him the benefit of the finest training in the world at that time. He learned to be somebody

In the second forty years of his life spent in Midian, he became a shepherd so that he could become the shepherd to the children of Israel. He learned to be a nobody

Thirdly, in his last forty years, he used the lessons learned to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt and to the Jordan River He learned what God can do with a nobody

Final Years

I. He struggled as a leader

Hurtful relationships - even his brother and sister turn against him
Stubborn and rebellious followers - 14 different times of complaining
Times of discouragement - **Numbers 11:10-15**
Fell into sin **Numbers 20:1-13** - Took the glory for himself
The consequence was that he could not enter Promised Land

2. He was honored by God

God defended his leadership several times
He was called **"My servant"** by God **Numbers 12:7-8** (17times in Bible)

3. His death brought blessing

He blessed the tribes and the nation **Numbers 33:26-29**
Shown the Promised Land / buried by God Himself **Numbers 34:1-12**

What was the Heritage he left behind?

He served as a picture of Christ

Deuteronomy 18:15 - Acts 3:22-26

Both born with ruler of the land trying to kill them

Both spent time in Egypt

Both initially rejected by those they came to save

Both controlled the sea

Both feed the multitudes in the wilderness

Moses instated Passover - Christ fulfilled it

Moses used blood of sacrifice - Christ is own blood - To seal the covenant

I. Moses - the Mediator

Through him God gave the law - moral, ceremonial and civil
Through him God established a way and place to worship
Through him God set in place the coming of Christ.

II. Moses - the Intercessor

- A. After the people forsook the Lord **Exodus 32:10-14**
- B. After Miriam and Aaron challenged his leadership **Numbers 12:13**
- C. After they refused to go into the Promised Land **Numbers 14:17-20**
- D. After the key leaders rebel against him **Numbers 16:21-23**
- E. After he was accused of killing the Lord's people **Numbers 16:46-48**
- F. After the people complained about the manna **Numbers 21:6-9**
- G. Regularly at the tent of meeting **Exodus 33:7, 11**

III. Moses the Discipler

- A. Joshua chosen as warrior to lead army **Exodus 17:9-14**
- B. Chosen as assistant on the mountain with Moses **Exodus 24:13**
Encouraged to spend time with God **Exodus 33:11**
- C. Given tasks
Spy out the Land **Exodus 13:16**
Gave positive report **Exodus 14:6**
- D. Given some authority
To divide the land **Exodus 27:18-20**
Exodus 34:17
- E. Appointed publicly as leader
Charged by God **Deuteronomy 3:21, 28**
Announced as leader **Deuteronomy 31:3, 23**
- F. Full authority given **Deuteronomy 34:9**

Lessons we learn from the life of Moses

God's plans cannot be stopped

We cannot accomplish God's work in our own strength

God is not dependent on them but uses our skills and experience

God will go with us even through the impossible if we are obedient

We each one are to show our world the love and grace of God

We are to leave a heritage

Through the sharing of God's love

Through intercessory prayer

Through discipleship