

Valuable Lessons From Moses' Life

Introduction: We identify Moses as the “voice of the old covenant,” then quickly inform people that we are under the “new covenant.” But has something to say to us. He can teach us invaluable lessons about loving God and being devoted to the will of God.

- I. Our impressions of Moses are sometimes centered on the negative occasions in his life.
 - A. Consider some familiar negative pictures of Moses. (Cf. Exod. 2:11-25; Exod. 3 & 4; Numbers 20)
 - B. The last forty years of Moses' life were devoted to leading Israel out of slavery and into the land God promised to them.
- II. Moses tells us a few significant things about the challenges of leadership and dealing with God's people.
 - A. Consider how exasperating being Israel's leader was from beginning to end. (Exod. 4:1-9; 4:31; 5:21-23; 6:1)
 - B. It was just the beginning of forty long frustrating years of complaining, personal attacks, verbal abuse, and blame. (Exod. 4:11, 12; 15:24; 16:3; 32:8; Num. 12:2; 14:2-4; 16:3, 13, 14)
 - C. Nothing speaks more clearly to the frustrations of Moses as does Numbers 11:10-15.
- III. Some insight into the spiritual measure of this man.
 - A. When his brother and sister challenged his leadership, it angered God, but Moses exercised humility & compassion to his sister.
 - B. Take note of the marvelous depth of his personal devotion to God.
 1. Moses cared what unbelieving, wicked people said about God.
 2. Moses' intercession for the people was really all about God. (Exod. 32:12, 13; Num. 14:13-19)

Conclusion: If we have the devotion, commitment, and concern for God that Moses had, think about what God can do with us and through us for His will's sake.