

LESSON 12 – UNDER THE LAW ON PROMISE ROAD

Numbers 8 - 14

THEME: To show that there is one Mediator between men and God.

Are you afraid of the Police officer when he walks by your house? There is no need if you are doing right, but suppose he came along when you were doing something which was against the law? A boy was caught stealing a bicycle. The officer was going to take him directly to the police station, but at that moment the boy's father arrived. The father pleaded with the officer to let the boy go, and promised that he would take care of the boy's punishment. So the boy escaped going to court or to prison. His father became a mediator for him; that is, he came *between* the boy and the penalty of the law.

We shall see as we journey on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* that Israel also needed a mediator. There were penalties attached to the breaking of the Law. There were to be great blessings to Israel if the Law was kept, but there were to be many curses upon Israel if the commandments were disobeyed. Deuteronomy 28.

After giving the Law at Mount Sinai God gave Moses directions from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim. Numbers 7:89. The ark of the testimony was in the Holy of Holies, the secret place within the Tabernacle. God told Moses to clean the Levites for priesthood. Numbers 8:5-22. That the covering cloud by day or the appearance of fire by night was to lead the people of Israel. Numbers 9:15-23. And to make two trumpets of silver which were blown not only for assembling but also for marching, battle and festivals. Numbers 10:1-10.

They left from the wilderness of Sinai and went to the wilderness of Paran. Numbers 10:11-36. Again the people complained; and when the Lord heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them. Moses prayed to the Lord and the fire died out. So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the Lord burned among them. Numbers 11:1-3. Moses was *the mediator* between Israel and an angry God.

When the 600,000 men on foot (Numbers 11:21) and all the others came to Hazeroth and remained there, Miriam and Aaron became jealous of their brother Moses. Because they gossiped about Moses, Miriam was stricken with leprosy. Then Moses cried out to God for her and she was healed after seven days. Again Moses was *a mediator*. Numbers 12.

Israel camped at Kadesh and Moses sent spies to the land of Canaan. He sent 12, one from each tribe. After 40 days they brought back their report. They showed fruit and said, "The land certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit."



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But they also said that the people were strong and the cities were fortified and very large. They said the children of Anakim/giants live there. Then Calab quieted the people before Moses and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will surely overcome it." But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us." Numbers 13. Again the people murmured and complained. This time against Moses, Aaron and the Lord. They threatened to appoint a leader and return to Egypt. Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel. Joshua and Caleb, two who had spied out the land, tore their clothes. They told them not to rebel against the Lord and not to fear the people of the land. But then all the congregation said to stone them. Numbers 14:1-10.

Then the glory of the Lord appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel. The Lord said to Moses: "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst? I will smite them with pestilence and dispossess them, and I will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they." Numbers 14:11-12.

Again Moses pleaded for the people, and the Lord answered and said that only Caleb and Joshua would be permitted to go into the Promised Land. All the others from twenty years old and upward would have to wander and die in the wilderness for 40 years. The ten spies who were unbelieving died by a plague. Numbers 14:13-38.

Israel deserved to be destroyed because of their unbelief and sin. According to our guidebook, the Bible, all people deserve to be destroyed. "All have sinned." Romans 3:23. "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23. But, "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. Now he lives to intercede for us. Hebrews 7:25. Christ is our Mediator before the Father. He stands between us and the anger of God for sin. There is *only one* Mediator and that is Jesus Christ. 1 Timothy 2:5-6. Christ has taken upon the cross our deserved punishment for sin and when we trust Him as our personal Saviour from going to hell, God sees us in Christ.

We have learned how Moses was a type of Christ because he pictured before time the work as a mediator which Christ was going to do. Christ is the *only* Mediator between God and man. Is He your Mediator?

MEMORY VERSE: "For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time." 1 Timothy 2:5-6.

LESSON 12 – WORK SHEET

Israel traveled after the accepting of the Law. We see that there were penalties attached to breaking the Law. Fill in the blanks below according to the Scriptures.

Sin committed

Penalty for sin

1. Numbers 11:1 _____ Numbers 11:1 _____.
2. Numbers 12:1 _____ Numbers 12:10 _____.
3. Numbers 14:11 _____ Numbers 14:12 _____.
4. What did Moses do in each of the situations found in these verses:
Numbers 11:2 Numbers 12:13 Numbers 14:19

5. Moses was an intercessor or mediator between an angry God and sinful people. What is the name of the One who always lives to make intercession/prayer for us? Hebrews 7:22-25. _____.
6. Fill in the spaces to show why saved people need Christ to pray for them. 1 John 2:1. "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not _____. And if anyone _____, we have an Advocate (mediator/intercessor) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."
7. Why do all people deserve to be punished? Romans 3:23 _____
_____.
8. What did Christ do while we were yet sinners? Romans 5:8 _____.
9. Fill in the spaces in the verses below to show the powerful work of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour.
His work for the *unsaved*: 1 Timothy 1:15. Christ Jesus came into the world to _____ sinners.
His work for the *saved*: Hebrews 7:25. He is able to _____ forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make _____ for them.
10. Write 1 Timothy 2:5-6: _____

