

EXODUS – Lesson 57

Learn: I Corinthians 15:51-53, and also 54 if you can.

Read: Exodus 33:1-23

1. The people had sinned grievously against the LORD. Yet God, who is a covenant keeping and merciful God would yet bring the people of Israel into the Promised Land. Why? v 1b

2. What did the nation of Israel and Moses need to do in order to claim the promise? v 1a

3. What were the LORD'S two guarantees that he gave, one concerning leadership, and the other concerning the inhabitants of the land that Israel was to possess? v 2

4. Why was the place that the LORD was giving them called the Promised Land? v 3a, see also Deuteronomy 8:7-9; 11:10-12; Numbers 13:23

5. Because the people had turned from the LORD to worship a false god, what did the LORD tell the people? v 3b

Why?

6. Use the following Scripture to explain the meaning of "stiffnecked."

Psalm 78:10, 11 A stiffnecked person _____ to obey God's law.

A stiffnecked person _____ all the wonders that God has done.

Psalm 78:17, 18 A stiffnecked person continues to _____ and _____ God seeking to have their _____ satisfied.

Psalm 78:19 A stiffnecked person _____ _____ God.

Psalm 78:22 A stiffnecked person will not _____ God or _____ in his _____ no matter what they have seen God do for them.

Psalm 78:36, 37 A stiffnecked person, _____ God with their lips, and _____ to God in their _____.

7. Considering what leading a stiffnecked people would be like we can well understand the anger that they would provoke in the one trying to guide them and to care for them. What was God's warning to them? v 3c

7. The people had taken God for granted, they had not appreciated his continued visible presence (the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night) with them. What were the "evil" tidings that opened their eyes? v 2a

8. When God threatened to remove his presence, what did the people do? vv 4, 6

9. Why did the people respond in the manner described in verse 4? v 5

10. The tabernacle designed by God to be constructed for worship had not yet been made, so the tabernacle mentioned in verse 7 is just a tent. Where did Moses set up this tent and what was its purpose? v 7

11. What happened when Moses went out to this tabernacle? v 8

12. What took place when Moses entered the tabernacle? v 9

13. What behavior did seeing the cloudy pillar bring about in the people? v 10

14. What special relationship did Moses have with the LORD? v 11a

15. What does God say concerning the special relationship that he had with Moses? Numbers 12:6-8; Deuteronomy 34:10

16. As Moses spoke to God "face to face", who did he see, for according to John 1:18, "No man hath seen God at any time."? If one did not study Scripture using Scripture, one could conclude that this is a contradiction. Use the following Scripture to explain how Moses could talk to God "face to face." John 14:9; Exodus 3:13-15 with John 8:58

17. In Exodus 24:13, we first learn of Joshua who was the minister (servant) to Moses. Again Joshua is mentioned in Exodus 32:15-18. In the passage we are now studying (verse 11), Joshua is seen again. From these three passages, what can we learn about Joshua's priority in life?

18. As Moses spoke to God "face to face", on the basis of what two things did he make his request to God? v 12

19. Based upon the fact of the grace of God, what 4 things did Moses ask of the LORD? vv 13, 15

20. What was God's promise in response to Moses' prayer? v 14

21. What did God mean when he told Moses that his "presence" would go with him? Deuteronomy 4:37; Isaiah 63:9;

22. The LORD also promised Moses that he would "give thee rest". What is the "rest" that God is speaking of? Deuteronomy 12:10; Joshua 22:4

23. Though the LORD promised Moses that his presence would go with them, what did Moses again state in verse 15?

24. What reason did Moses give to the LORD for his urgent plea that the LORD go with him and the nation of Israel? v 16

25. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ we have the promise that his Holy Spirit is always with us. Yet we too should desire that it be known to those around us that God is with us and that he would be glorified in our lives. Find Scripture that explains how God's presence in our lives will be made visible to the people of the world.

26. What are the two reasons that the LORD gives for granting Moses' request? v 17

27. After God gives Moses the promise of his presence with the nation, Moses beseeches God for a special blessing. What does Moses want? v 18

28. Moses has spent much time with the LORD. He saw the burning bush. He was used by God to perform marvels unheard of in history. Moses spent 40 days and 40 nights with God on his mountain. God speaks to Moses face to face. Yet Moses longs for more. What does that tell us about knowing God?

29. What did the LORD say, he would do for Moses regarding his desire to see God's glory?
v 19a

30. Why would the LORD do this for Moses? v 19b

31. Why was it impossible for Moses to see all of God's glory? v 20 Also use Isaiah 6:3, 5.

32. What kept Moses or any other follower of God, no matter how close they walked with the LORD on this earth, from being able to see God's glory? I Corinthians 15:42-44, 47, 50

33. What change is necessary so that Moses or any other follower of God would be able to see the glory of God? I Corinthians 15:51-54, 56, 57

34. Describe how the LORD made his glory partially visible to Moses. vv 21-23