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The Death of Nadab and Abihu

Leviticus 10:1-15

Memory verse: “You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean.” Leviticus 10:10

(In Leviticus 1-9, God gave the Israelites all the laws about sacrifices. There were many kinds.)

Now Nadab (Nay dab) and Abihu (uh-BI-hoo), the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized (not permitted) fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them. And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the Lord has said: ‘Among those who are near Me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.’” And Aaron held his peace.

And Moses called Mishael (MISH-ay-el) and Elzaphan (Ell-zah'-fan), the sons of Uzziel (uh-ZI-el) the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, “Come near; carry your brothers away from the front of the sanctuary and out of the camp.” So they came near and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said. And Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar (el'ee-AY-zuhr) and Ithamar (ITH-uh-mahr) his sons, “Do not let the hair of your heads hang loose, and do not tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the congregation; but let your brothers, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning that the Lord has kindled. And do not go outside the entrance of the Tent of Meeting (Tabernacle), lest you die, for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you.” And they did according to the word of Moses.

And the Lord spoke to Aaron, saying, “Drink no wine or strong drink, you or your sons with you, when you go into the Tent of Meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations. You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, and you are to teach the people of Israel all the statutes that the Lord has spoken to them by Moses.”

Moses spoke to Aaron and to Eleazar (el'ee-AY-zuhr) and Ithamar (ITH-uh-mahr), his surviving sons: “Take the grain offering that is left of the Lord's food offerings, and eat it unleavened beside the altar, for it is most holy. You shall eat it in a holy place, because it is your due (right) and your sons' due, from the Lord's food offerings, for so I am commanded. But the breast that is waved and the thigh that is contributed you shall eat in a

clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you, for they are given as your due and your sons' due from the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the people of Israel. The thigh that is contributed and the breast that is waved they shall bring with the food offerings of the fat pieces to wave for a wave offering before the Lord, and it shall be yours and your sons' with you as a due forever, as the Lord has commanded.”

Lessons to Learn: Nadab and Abihu were punished for using fire that God had not commanded them to use.

Letting the hair of ones head hang loose and tearing ones clothes was a sign of mourning (sorrow, sadness). Aaron was not allowed to mourn his sons' deaths because they had sinned and God punished their sin.

God expects His people to know the difference between things that are holy and things that are not holy (common).

The priests had the right to eat some of the food offerings that the Israelites offered to God.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Nadab and Abihu were punished because they were not supposed to be offering fire before God.
- _____ 2. Aaron and his sons were told to stay in the Tabernacle.
- _____ 3. The Tent of Meeting and the Tabernacle are two different places.
- _____ 4. The priests were not supposed to drink wine or strong drink.
- _____ 5. Part of the Israelites' sacrifices were used to feed the priests.

Short Answer:

6. What did Nadab and Abihu do wrong? _____

7. Read Leviticus 10:3 and fill in the blanks. **“This is what the Lord has**

said: ‘Among those who are near Me I will be,

_____ **(holy, set apart) and before all the people**

I will be _____.’”

8. Why did God say, “Do not let the hair of your heads hang loose, and do not tear your clothes?” _____

9. What were Aaron and his sons to distinguish between (know the difference between)? _____

10. What were the priests supposed to teach the people of Israel? _____

Remember this:

11. From this lesson we learn that God’s people must do **some** **most** or **all** of what God says, and we cannot _____ or _____ from his commandments. Deuteronomy 12:32

12. Are we supposed to know the difference between good and evil, too?

13. Read Psalm 37: 27 and fill in the blanks.

“Depart from _____ and do _____, So you will abide forever.”

14. Is it O.K. to worship God any way that we want to worship Him or in any way that seems good to us? _____

15. Who are we supposed to please when we worship, ourselves or God?

2

Blessings for Obedience

Leviticus 26

Memory verse: “I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.” Leviticus 26:12

(God said)“You shall not make idols for yourselves or erect an image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to it, for I am the Lord your God. You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence (respect) My sanctuary: I am the Lord.

“If you walk in My statutes (laws) and observe My commandments and do them, then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Your threshing (separating grain from the plant) shall last to the time of the grape harvest, and the grape harvest shall last to the time for sowing. (There would not be a time without plenty of food.) And you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land securely. I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid. And I will remove harmful beasts from the land, and the sword shall not go through your land. You shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand, and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. I will turn to you and make you fruitful and multiply you and will confirm my covenant with you. You shall eat old store long kept (You will eat the old grain of the previous year), and you shall clear out the old to make way for the new. I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul shall not abhor (hate) you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be My people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke (slavery) and made you walk erect.

(God promised blessings to His people in many Bible verses. Here are some more of the verses.)

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep my covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine.” (Exodus 19:5)

“And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today,

the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.”
(Deuteronomy 28:1)

“You shall walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.” (Deuteronomy 5:33)

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous (successful), and then you will have good success.” (Joshua 1:8)

“Keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper (succeed) in all that you do and wherever you turn.” (1 Kings 2:3)

Lessons to Learn: God always expects obedience from His people and He rewards their obedience.

A sanctuary is a place of worship.

True or False:

- _____ 1. God commanded against making idols to worship.
- _____ 2. The Israelites worshipped on the Sabbath.
- _____ 3. God’s sanctuary at this time was the Temple.
- _____ 4. Being truly successful depends on doing God’s word.
- _____ 5. If the Israelites obeyed God, they would live in Canaan a long time.

Short Answer:

6. In Exodus 19:5, God told the Israelites that they would be His

“_____ among all peoples”
if they obeyed His voice.

7. God reminded the Israelites that He brought them out of _____.

8. Fill in the blanks to complete the things that God promised the Israelites if they obeyed Him.

A. _____ in their season

B. trees shall yield their _____

C. Your _____ shall last to the time of the grape harvest, and the grape harvest shall last to the time for _____.

D. You shall dwell in your land _____.

E. I will give _____ in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you _____.

F. You shall chase your _____.

G. I will make you _____ and multiply you and will confirm my _____ with you.

Remember this:

9. Read John 14:23 and fill in the blanks.

“Jesus answered him, ‘If anyone _____ me, he will keep my _____, and my Father will love him.’”

10. Read Luke 11:28 and fill in the blanks.

“But he (Jesus) said, ‘_____ ...are those who hear the word of God and _____ it!’”

11. Do we receive blessings for obeying God’s word today? _____

12. Read Romans 2:6-8 and fill in the blanks.

**“He (God) will render to each one according to his _____;
to those who by patience in _____ seek
for glory and honor and immortality, he will give
_____; but for those who are
self-seeking (selfish) and do not obey the _____,
but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.”**



3

Punishment For Disobedience

Leviticus 26:14-46

Memory verse: “These are the statutes and rules and laws that the Lord made between Himself and the people of Israel.”
Leviticus 26:46

“But if you will not listen to Me and will not do all these commandments, if you spurn My statutes (reject My Laws), and if your soul abhors (hates) My rules, so that you will not do all My commandments, but break My covenant, then I will do this to you: I will visit you with panic, with wasting disease and fever that consume the eyes and make the heart ache. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. I will set My face against you, and you shall be struck down before your enemies. Those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee (run away) when none pursues you. And if in spite of this you will not listen to Me, then I will discipline you again sevenfold (seven times) for your sins, and I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall not yield its increase, and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

“Then if you walk contrary to Me and will not listen to Me, I will continue striking you, sevenfold for your sins. And I will let loose the wild beasts against you, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your livestock and make you few in number, so that your roads shall be deserted.

“And if by this discipline you are not turned to Me but walk contrary to Me, then I also will walk contrary to you, and I Myself will strike you sevenfold for your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall execute vengeance,(punishment), for the covenant. And if you gather within your cities, I will send pestilence (disease) among you, and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. When I break your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in a single oven and shall dole out your bread again by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.

“But if in spite of this you will not listen to Me, but walk contrary to Me, then I will walk contrary to you in fury (great anger), and I Myself will discipline you sevenfold for your sins...And I will lay your cities waste and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your pleasing

aromas. And I Myself will devastate the land, so that your enemies who settle in it shall be appalled (shocked) at it. And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe the sword after you, and your land shall be a desolation (emptiness), and your cities shall be a waste.

“Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths as long as it lies desolate, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest, and enjoy its Sabbaths. As long as it lies desolate it shall have rest, the rest that it did not have on your Sabbaths when you were dwelling in it. And as for those of you who are left, I will send faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. The sound of a driven leaf shall put them to flight, and they shall flee as one flees from the sword, and they shall fall when none pursues (chases). They shall stumble over one another, as if to escape a sword, though none pursues. And you shall have no power to stand before your enemies. And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. And those of you who are left shall rot away in your enemies' lands because of their iniquity (wickedness), and also because of the iniquities of their fathers they shall rot away like them.

“But if they confess their iniquity ...if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends (“payment”) for their iniquity, then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. But the land shall be abandoned by them and enjoy its Sabbaths while it lies desolate without them, and they shall make amends for their iniquity, because they spurned My rules and their soul abhorred My statutes. Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not spurn (reject) them, neither will I abhor them so as to destroy them utterly and break My covenant with them, for I am the Lord their God. But I will for their sake remember the covenant with their forefathers, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the Lord.”

These are the statutes and rules and laws that the Lord made between Himself and the people of Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai.

Lessons to Learn: Just like obedience would bring blessings, disobedience would bring curses.

If the Israelites sinned but repented, God would remember His covenant with them.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Disobedience to God had/has bad consequences.
- _____ 2. Statutes, rules, and commandments are all words for laws.
- _____ 3. God would keep his covenant with Abraham even if the Israelites disobeyed Him.
- _____ 4. If the Israelites disobeyed God, they would have no chance to repent.
- _____ 5. God brought the Israelites out of Egypt so that He might be their God.

Short Answer:

6. Fill in the blanks to complete some of the curses for disobedience.

- A. I will visit you with _____, with wasting _____ and fever.
- B. You shall _____ your seed in vain.
- C. Those who _____ you shall rule over you.
- D. You shall _____ when none pursues you.
- E. I will discipline you again _____ for your sins.
- F. I will send _____ among you, and you shall be delivered into the hand of the _____.
- G. The sound of a driven _____ shall put them to flight.

7. Which three patriarchs had God made a covenant with? _____

Remember this:

8. If the Israelites walked contrary to God (disobeyed Him), God would walk contrary to them in fury. What does fury mean?
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9. There were three things that God said the Israelites would have to do to repent of their sin of disobedience. Fill in the blanks.

“But if they _____ their iniquity ...if then their uncircumcised heart is _____ and they make _____ for their iniquity.” Leviticus 26:41

10. God said The Israelites would be taken captive by their enemies, but He would not totally give up on them. Fill in the blanks.

“Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not _____ them, neither will I abhor (hate) them so as to _____ them utterly and break My _____ with them, for I am the Lord their God. But I will for their sake remember the covenant with their forefathers” Leviticus 26:41

11. Who were the forefathers? _____
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4

The Cloud Covering the Tabernacle

Num 9:15-23; 10:1-3, 11-12, 33-36

Memory verse: “At the command of the Lord they camped, and at the command of the Lord they set out.” Numbers 9:23

On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the Tabernacle, the Tent of the Testimony. And at evening it was over the Tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning. So it was always: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the people of Israel camped. At the command of the Lord the people of Israel set out, and at the command of the Lord they camped. As long as the cloud rested over the Tabernacle, they remained in camp. Even when the cloud continued over the Tabernacle many days, the people of Israel kept the charge of the Lord and did not set out. Sometimes the cloud was a few days over the Tabernacle, and according to the command of the Lord they remained in camp; then according to the command of the Lord they set out. And sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning. And when the cloud lifted in the morning, they set out, or if it continued for a day and a night, when the cloud lifted they set out. Whether it was two days, or a month, or a longer time, that the cloud continued over the Tabernacle, abiding there, the people of Israel remained in camp and did not set out, but when it lifted they set out. At the command of the Lord they camped, and at the command of the Lord they set out. They kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by Moses.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Make two silver trumpets. Of hammered work you shall make them, and you shall use them for summoning (calling) the congregation and for breaking camp. And when both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting...

In the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, the cloud lifted from over the tabernacle of the testimony, and the people of Israel set out by stages from the wilderness of Sinai. (The Israelites had been at Sinai for about a year.) And the cloud settled down in the wilderness of Paran... So they set out from the mount of the Lord (Mount Sinai) three days' journey. And the Ark of the Covenant of

the Lord went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them. And the cloud of the Lord was over them by day, whenever they set out from the camp.

And whenever the Ark set out, Moses said, "Arise, O Lord, and let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate You flee before You." And when it rested, he said, "Return, O Lord, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel."

Lessons to Learn: The cloud of the Lord showed God's presence at the Tabernacle.

The Lord was in control of when the Israelites travelled and when they stayed in one place.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The cloud covered the Tabernacle day and night until it was time to the Israelites to move.
- _____ 2. The Israelites obeyed God's directions about when to travel and when to camp.
- _____ 3. Every tribe had a silver trumpet to blow.
- _____ 4. The Israelites only stayed at Sinai for a short time.
- _____ 5. The Ark of the Covenant went ahead of the Israelites.

Short Answers:

6. What covered the Tabernacle? "**The _____ covered it by day and the appearance of _____ by night.**" Numbers 9:16

7. For what were the two trumpets to be used? _____

8. About how long had the Israelites been at Mt. Sinai? _____

9. How far ahead of the Israelites did the Ark of the Covenant go when they traveled? _____

10. Fill in the blanks to show what Moses said when the Ark of the Covenant set out.

**“Arise, O Lord, and let Your _____ be scattered,
and let those who _____ You flee before You.”**

Remember this:

11. The Israelites had been at Mt. Sinai for about a year. List some of the things that happened there.

12. Whose presence did the cloud over the Tabernacle stand for?

13. God guided the Israelites. Does He guide us? If so, how does He do it?

14. List some other times that God cared for His people in the Old Testament.

“His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.”

5

The People Complain

Numbers 11:1-15, 31-35

Memory verse: “Then a wind from the Lord sprang up, and it brought quail from the sea.” Numbers 11:31

And the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes (bad conditions), and when the Lord heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the Lord, and the fire died down. So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the Lord burned among them.

Now the rabble (mob, unruly crowd) that was among them had a strong craving (desire). And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium (a tree resin). The people went about and gathered it and ground it in hand mills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

Then a wind from the Lord sprang up, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey (about 24 miles) on this side and a day's journey on the other side, around the camp, and

about two cubits above the ground. And the people rose all that day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail. Those who gathered least gathered ten homers (about 30 quarts). And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord struck down the people with a very great plague. Therefore the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah (graves of craving), because there they buried the people who had the craving.

Lessons to Learn: Once again the Israelites complained despite all the things that God had done and was doing for them. Moses became discouraged because of the complaining of the Israelites. God sent enough quail to cover the area of about 48 miles and a yard high.

True or False:

- _____ 1. God was sympathetic with the people who wanted something other than manna to eat.
- _____ 2. The people even wished that they were back in Egypt where there was a lot of different foods.
- _____ 3. Moses said that the burden of leading the Israelites to Canaan was too heavy for him.
- _____ 4. God sent a few quail to feed the Israelites.
- _____ 5. The punishment for murmuring against God was death.

Short Answer:

- 6. What did God do first because He was angry about the Israelites' complaining? _____
- _____
- 7. What did the Israelites want to eat? _____
- 8. The Israelites thought of the fish cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic they used to have in Egypt. What did they not think about in Egypt? _____
- 9. How did God bring quail to the Israelite camp? _____

10. For how long did the Israelites gather quail? _____

Remember this:

11. Describe how many quail God sent to the Israelites. _____

12. Moses was discouraged and asked God why He had burdened him with these people, but did Moses do anything wrong to the Israelites or to God?

13. I Corinthians 10:10-11 warns us not to be like the Israelites. Read the verses and fill in the blanks.

“Nor _____, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an _____, and they were written for our _____...”

14. Read Philippians 2:14 and fill in the blanks.

“Do all things without _____ or _____ (arguing).”



6

Spies Sent into Canaan

Numbers 13

Memory verse: “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.” Numbers 13:30

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them.” So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran, according to the command of the Lord, all of them men who were heads of the people of Israel.

Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan and said to them, “Go up into the Negeb and go up into the hill country, and see what the land is, and whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many, and whether the land that they dwell in is good or bad, and whether the cities that they dwell in are camps or strongholds, and whether the land is rich or poor, and whether there are trees in it or not. Be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land.” Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.

So they went up and spied out the land... And they came to the Valley of Eshcol and cut down from there a branch with a single cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two of them; they also brought some pomegranates and figs...

At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.”

But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”

Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying,

“The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

Lessons to Learn: Ten spies were afraid and said, “We are not able to go up...”

Joshua and Caleb had faith in God and knew they could overcome the people in Canaan with God’s help.

True or False:

- _____ 1. One spy was picked from each tribe of Israel.
- _____ 2. The spies spent a year scouting out the whole land of Canaan.
- _____ 3. Joshua said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”
- _____ 4. Most of the spies were ready to go take the land from the nations who lived in it.
- _____ 5. Most of the spies were afraid of the people of great height (tall people) in Canaan.

Short Answer:

6. What were the spies supposed to bring back with them? _____

7. What kinds of fruit did the spies find in the land of Canaan? _____

8. What was unusual about the grapes the spies found? _____

9. How long did the spies stay in Canaan? _____

10. Fill in the blanks to show what the spies reported about the land of Canaan.

“It flows with _____ and _____, and this is its fruit. However, the people who dwell in the land are _____, and the cities are fortified and very _____. Numbers 13:27-28

Remember this:

11. How did the ten spies describe themselves compared to the tall people in the land of Canaan? “We seemed to ourselves like _____.”

12. What were the ten spies forgetting when they said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.”?

13. All twelve spies saw the same things in the land of Canaan, but they had different thoughts about the land. Joshua and Caleb believed that the Israelites were “well able to _____ it.”
Numbers 13:30

14. Match the characteristics on the right to the spies that they describe.

Ten Spies

Doubt

Confidence in God

No self-confidence

Two Spies

Fear

Courage

7

The People Rebel

Numbers 14:1-24

Memory verse: “If the Lord delights in us, He will bring us into this land and give it to us.” Numbers 14:8

Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?” And they said to one another, “Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.” Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the Lord appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the people of Israel.

And the Lord said to Moses, “How long will this people despise (hate) Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? I will strike them with the pestilence (disease) and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.”

But Moses said to the Lord, “Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for you brought up this people in your might from among them, and they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, O Lord, are in the midst of this people. For You, O Lord, are seen face to face, and Your cloud stands over them and You go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. Now if You kill this people as one man, then the nations who have heard your fame will say, ‘It is because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land that He swore to give to them that He has killed them in the wilderness.’ And now, please let the power of the

Lord be great as you have promised, saying, ‘The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast (dependable, steady) love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.’ Please pardon (forgive) the iniquity (wickedness) of this people, according to the greatness of Your steadfast love, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.” Then the Lord said, “I have pardoned, according to your word. But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, none of the men who have seen My glory and My signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it. But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.”

Lessons to Learn: By complaining and not believing in God, the Israelites were rebelling against God.

Moses interceded for the Israelites by reminding God of His promise to bring the Israelites into Canaan and His steadfast love.

There were terrible consequences for the Israelites who listened to the ten spies. They would not enter the land of Canaan.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The Israelites listened to the good report of Joshua and Caleb.
- _____ 2. The Israelites wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb.
- _____ 3. God said He would make a great nation out of Caleb.
- _____ 4. Moses said that if God killed the Israelites, the other nations would think that it was because He could not bring the Israelites into Canaan.
- _____ 5. God was more powerful than all the people who lived in the land of Canaan.

Short Answer:

- 6. Did the Israelites believe in God like they should have? _____

7. Why did the Israelites claim that God had brought them into the wilderness?

8. Joshua and Caleb said, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an _____ land.”
9. To whom did God say, “I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.”? _____
10. When the Israelites cried and grumbled against the Lord, He said, “How long will this people despise Me?” What does that mean?

Remember this:

11. Where did the Israelites say they wanted to go back to? _____
12. If they did go back, what kind of life would they have there? _____

13. Read Numbers 14:8 and fill in the blanks.
“If the _____,
_____, He will bring us into this land.”
14. What do we know about Moses since he could have let God kill the Israelites and make him a great nation, but instead he begged God to remember His promise and His love?

continued

15. Circle the characteristics of the Israelites in this lesson.

Grumbling

Courageous

Fearful

Believing in God

Doubting

Criticizing

Rebellious

Grateful

Disbelieving

Ungrateful

Longing for a past that was not good

16. Fill in the blanks to see what Hebrews 3: 12 warns us about.

**“Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an
_____, _____ heart that
_____ from the living God.”**



8

God's Punishment of Israel

Numbers 14: 26-45

Memory verse: “Because you have turned back from following the Lord, the Lord will not be with you.” Number 14:43

And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, “How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against Me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against Me. Say to them, ‘As I live, declares the Lord, what you have said in My hearing I will do to you: your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against Me, not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected. But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness. According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity (wickedness) forty years, and you shall know My displeasure.’ I, the Lord, have spoken. Surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation who are gathered together against Me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die.”

And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation grumble against him by bringing up a bad report about the land—the men who brought up a bad report of the land—died by plague before the Lord. Of those men who went to spy out the land, only Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive.

When Moses told these words to all the people of Israel, the people mourned greatly (were very sorry). And they rose early in the morning and went up to the heights of the hill country, saying, “Here we are. We will go up to the place that the Lord has promised, for we have sinned.”

But Moses said, “Why now are you transgressing the command of the Lord (sinning), when that will not succeed? Do not go up, for the Lord is not among you, lest you be struck down before your enemies. For there the Amalekites and the Canaanites are facing you, and you shall fall by

the sword. Because you have turned back from following the Lord, the Lord will not be with you.” But they presumed (boldly decided) to go up to the heights of the hill country, although neither the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord nor Moses departed out of the camp. Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and defeated them and pursued them...

Lessons to Learn: Because the Israelites did not believe in God’s power, everyone twenty years old or older would die in the wilderness and not get to see the land of Canaan.

The Israelites would wander 40 years in the wilderness—one year for each day the spies were in Canaan.

The doubt and fear of the ten spies had spread to the people, and they sinned against God.

God was not with the Israelites when they were sinning. People separate themselves from God when they sin.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Everyone from thirty years up would die in the wilderness.
- _____ 2. The ten spies died of a plague.
- _____ 3. The ten spies hurt more than themselves because they caused the Israelites to sin, too.
- _____ 4. God told the Israelites to go up into Canaan.
- _____ 5. Transgressing the law of the Lord means sinning.

Short Answer:

6. What had the Israelites said in their grumbling that God made come to pass? Fill in the blanks

“Your _____ shall fall in this wilderness.”

7. Fill in the blanks. “Your children shall be _____ in the wilderness forty years.” Number 14:33

8. Explain how God decided that the Israelites would wander for 40 years in the wilderness.

9. The Israelites mourned the sin they had committed, but the next day they were doing something wrong again. What was it?

10. Why did Moses say God would not be with the Israelites who tried to go into Canaan?

Remember this:

11. Can one person grumbling, being discontent, and sinning cause others to sin, too?

_____ See v. 33

12. Fill in the blanks from Psalm 106:24-26.

“Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not _____

in His _____, but _____ in

their tents; They did not listen to the _____ of the Lord. Therefore He swore to them that He would cast them down in the wilderness.”

13. In Exodus 16:8 Moses explains that even when the Israelites grumbled against him and Aaron, it was really against the _____.

14. Fill in the blanks. **“Do all things without _____**

or _____, that you may be blameless and

_____, children of God without blemish.”

Philippians 2:14-15

9

Korah's Rebellion Part 1

Numbers 16:1-22

Memory verse: “In the morning the Lord will show who is His, and who is holy.” Numbers 16:5

Now Korah..., and Dathan and Abiram..., and On..., took men. And they rose up before Moses, with a number of the people of Israel, 250 chiefs of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men. They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?”

When Moses heard it, he fell on his face, and he said to Korah and all his company, “In the morning the Lord will show who is His, and who is holy, and will bring him near to Him. The one whom He chooses He will bring near to Him. Do this: take censers, Korah and all his company; put fire in them and put incense on them before the Lord tomorrow, and the man whom the Lord chooses shall be the holy one. You have gone too far, sons of Levi!”

And Moses said to Korah, “Hear now, you sons of Levi: is it too small a thing for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do service in the Tabernacle of the Lord and to stand before the congregation to minister to them, and that He has brought you near Him, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you? And would you seek the priesthood also? Therefore it is against the Lord that you and all your company have gathered together. What is Aaron that you grumble against him?”

And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram..., and they said, “We will not come up. Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you must also make yourself a prince over us? Moreover, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up.”

And Moses was very angry and said to the Lord, “Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, and I have not harmed one of them.”

And Moses said to Korah, “Be present, you and all your company, before the Lord, you and they, and Aaron, tomorrow. And let every one of you take his censer and put incense on it, and every one of you bring before the Lord his censer, 250 censers; you also, and Aaron, each his censer.” So every man took his censer and put fire in them and laid incense on them and stood at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting with Moses and Aaron. Then Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. And the glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation.

And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, “Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume (kill) them in a moment.”

And they fell on their faces and said, “O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will you be angry with all the congregation?”

Lessons to Learn: Some of the Israelites did not like the fact that Moses and Aaron were the leaders, but God had chosen them. Moses did not argue with Korah and the other men, but he let God show the men that they were wrong. Dathan and Abiram were rebellious to Moses when he called them to come to him.

True or False:

- _____ 1. God was about to kill the whole congregation.
- _____ 2. Korah and the others said that Moses and Aaron had exalted themselves above the other Israelites.
- _____ 3. Moses and Aaron were acting like princes, bossing everyone around.
- _____ 4. Moses and Aaron wanted God to punish the whole congregation of Israelites.
- _____ 5. Korah and the sons of Levi had the special job of doing service in the Tabernacle. (and should not have been jealous of other people with special jobs.)

Short Answer:

- 6. Had Moses and Aaron exalted themselves? _____

7. Name the four men who led the rebellion. _____

8. Moses said that Korah and his company had gathered against _____

_____.

9. Dathan and Abiram said that Moses and Aaron had brought them out (of Egypt) to _____ them in the wilderness.

10. Moses said, "And the man whom the _____ chooses shall be the _____ one." Numbers 16:7

Remember this:

11. Fill in the blanks to complete a command of God that Korah and his company were disobeying.

"You shall not revile (criticize angrily) _____, nor curse a _____ of your people. Exodus 22:38

12. The Bible describes the men who rose up against Moses and Aaron as "250 chiefs of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men." Sometimes people listen to other people because they are well-known, or rich, or smart... But we need to listen to

(hint: Luke 11:28: Matthew 7:24)

13. Read James 4:6 and fill in the blanks

"God opposes the _____ but gives grace to the _____."

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14. God expects us to respect elders and preachers in the church, too. Read I Thessalonians 5:12-13 and fill in the blanks.

**“We ask you, brothers, to respect those who _____
(work) among you and are _____ you in the Lord and
admonish you, and to esteem (respect) them very highly in
_____ because of their work. Be at _____
among yourselves.”**



10

Korah's Rebellion Part 2

Numbers 16:23-50

Memory verse: “It is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’” Acts 23:5

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Say to the congregation, Get away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.”

Then Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. And he spoke to the congregation, saying, “Depart, please, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be swept away with all their sins.” So they got away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. And Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, together with their wives, their sons, and their little ones. And Moses said, “Hereby you shall know that the Lord has sent me to do all these works, and that it has not been of my own accord. If these men die as all men die, or if they are visited by the fate of all mankind, then the Lord has not sent me. But if the Lord creates something new, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol (grave or place of the dead), then you shall know that these men have despised (hated) the Lord.”

And as soon as he had finished speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart. And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the people who belonged to Korah and all their goods. So they and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly. And all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, “Lest the earth swallow us up!” And fire came out from the Lord and consumed the 250 men offering the incense.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Tell Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest to take up the censers out of the blaze. Then scatter the fire far and wide, for they have become holy. As for the censers of these men who have sinned at the cost of their lives, let them be made into hammered plates as a covering for the altar, for they offered them before the Lord, and they became holy. Thus they shall be a sign to the people of Israel.” So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, which those who were burned had offered, and they were hammered out as a covering for the altar, to be a reminder to the people of Israel, so that no outsider, who is not of the

descendants of Aaron, should draw near to burn incense before the Lord, lest he become like Korah and his company—as the Lord said to him through Moses.

But on the next day all the congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and against Aaron, saying, “You have killed the people of the Lord.” And when the congregation had assembled against Moses and against Aaron, they turned toward the Tent of Meeting. And behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the Tent of Meeting, and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Get away from the midst of this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.” And they fell on their faces. And Moses said to Aaron, “Take your censer, and put fire on it from off the altar and lay incense on it and carry it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them (something done to make up for doing something wrong), for wrath (anger) has gone out from the Lord; the plague has begun.” So Aaron took it as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. And behold, the plague had already begun among the people. And he put on the incense and made atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stopped. Now those who died in the plague were 14,700, besides those who died in the affair of Korah. And Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, when the plague was stopped.

Lessons to Learn: Moses did not argue with Korah and the other men, but he let God show the men that they were wrong.

The Lord had sent Moses to do all the works he did, and he did not exalt himself.

Even after seeing what happened to Korah and the wicked men, the Israelites complained that Moses and Aaron had killed the people of the Lord.

True or False:

- _____ 1. If the wicked men died a normal death then that meant that God had not sent Moses.
- _____ 2. When the ground opened up, it swallowed Korah, Dathan, and Abiram and everything that belonged to them.
- _____ 3. All the Israelites gathered around closely to see what would happen to Korah and the other wicked men.
- _____ 4. When they saw what happened to Korah and the other men, the Israelites learned the lesson not to speak evil of their rulers.

_____ 5. Moses and Aaron acted quickly to save the Israelites from God's plague.

Short Answer:

6. Moses said, “_____, please, from the tents of these _____ men, and _____ nothing of theirs, lest you be swept away with all their _____.”
Number 16:26

7. What new way of dying would be a sign that the Lord had sent Moses?

8. What is Sheol? _____

9. How did the 250 men offering incense die? _____

10. What did they make out of the censers of the 250 evil men? _____

Remember this:

11. The hammered plates to cover the altar were to be a sign that “No _____, who is not of the descendants of _____, should draw near to burn _____ before the Lord, lest he become like _____ and his company.” Number 16:40

12. Did the Israelites learn not to speak against Moses and Aaron after what happened to Korah? How do you know? _____

13. Aaron had to put fire and incense on his censer and make atonement for the Israelites. What does atonement mean? _____

14. Moses and Aaron tried to save the Israelites from the plague even though the Israelites were grumbling against them again. What can we learn from them about how to treat our enemies?

15. Read Luke 6:27-28 and fill in the blanks.

**“But I say to you who hear, _____ your enemies, do
_____ to those who _____ you,
_____ those who _____ you,
_____ for those who _____ you.**

11

Aaron's Staff Blossoms

Numbers 17

Memory verse: “The staff of the man whom I choose shall sprout.”
Numbers 17:5

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel, and get from them staffs, one for each fathers' house (each of the sons of Jacob or Israel), from all their chiefs according to their fathers' houses, twelve staffs. Write each man's name on his staff, and write Aaron's name on the staff of Levi. For there shall be one staff for the head of each father's house. Then you shall deposit (put) them in the Tent of Meeting (Tabernacle) before the Testimony (Ark of the Covenant), where I meet with you. And the staff of the man whom I choose shall sprout (bud or blossom). Thus I will make to cease (stop) from Me the grumblings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against you.”

Moses spoke to the people of Israel. And all their chiefs gave him staffs, one for each chief, according to their fathers' houses, twelve staffs. And the staff of Aaron was among their staffs. And Moses deposited the staffs before the Lord in the Tent of the Testimony.

On the next day Moses went into the Tent of the Testimony, and behold, the staff of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds. Then Moses brought out all the staffs from before the Lord to all the people of Israel. And they looked, and each man took his staff.

And the Lord said to Moses, “Put back the staff of Aaron before the Testimony, to be kept as a sign for the rebels (person who resists a ruler), that you may make an end of their grumblings against Me, lest they die.” Thus did Moses; as the Lord commanded him, so he did.

And the people of Israel said to Moses, “Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the Tabernacle of the Lord, shall die. Are we all to perish?”

Lessons to Learn: Aaron's staff blossomed to show that God had chosen him to be His priest.

Aaron's rod was kept as a memorial to remind the rebellious people not to rebel or they would die.

Only the Levites were chosen by God to be His priests.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Twelve staffs were put in the Tabernacle.
- _____ 2. Aaron's name was written on the staff of the tribe of Judah.
- _____ 3. The Testimony is another name for the Ark of the Covenant.
- _____ 4. Only Aaron's staff blossomed.
- _____ 5. Rebels were people who fought for freedom.

Short Answer:

- 6. God said to get staffs from each _____ house,
_____ staffs in all.
- 7. Aaron's name was on the staff of which tribe? _____
- 8. Moses put the staffs in the Tabernacle before (in front of) the
_____.
- 9. What did God want to stop by doing this sign with the staff?

- 10. Tell what happened to Aaron's rod. Be specific. _____

Remember this:

- 11. What is a rebel? _____
- 12. What is another name for the Tabernacle in this lesson?

13. Only the Levites were chosen by God to be his priests. What would happen to other people if they tried to be priests (came near to the Tabernacle)? _____

14. Read Romans 13:1-2 and fill in the blanks.

“Let every person be _____ to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from _____, and those that exist have been instituted by _____.

2 Therefore whoever resists the _____ resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur _____.”

15. Read I Peter 2:13-14 and fill in the blanks.

“Be subject for the _____ sake to every human institution, whether it be to the _____ as supreme, or to _____ as sent by Him to _____ those who do evil and to _____ those who do good.”



12

The Waters of Meribah

Numbers 20

Memory verse: “Because you did not believe in Me...you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.” Numbers 20:12

And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there.

Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people quarreled (argued) with Moses and said, “Would that we had perished (died) when our brothers perished before the Lord! Why have you brought the assembly of the Lord into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink.”

Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the Lord appeared to them, and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.” And Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as He commanded him.

Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock.

And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in Me, to uphold Me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.” These are the waters of Meribah (quarrel), where the people of Israel quarreled with the Lord, and through them He showed Himself holy.

Lessons to Learn: Miriam was Moses’ sister.

In a short time, the Israelites were grumbling against and arguing with Moses and Aaron again.

Moses did not speak to the rock like God told him to do, so he lost the chance to enter Canaan.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The Israelites had a totally different complaint this time.
- _____ 2. Moses and Aaron decided what to do to find water for the Israelites.
- _____ 3. Moses did not follow what God had told him to do.
- _____ 4. When Moses did not obey God, he did not treat God as holy.
- _____ 5. The waters of Meribah were named for the quarrelling of the Israelites.

Short Answer:

6. What didn't the Israelites have that they needed for life? _____

7. What should the Israelites have done when they needed help? _____

8. The Israelites blamed Moses and Aaron for bringing them to this place, but whose fault was it that they were in the wilderness? Why?

9. Fill in the blanks to complete what God told Moses to do.

“Take the _____, and assemble the congregation, you and _____ your brother, and _____ the rock before their eyes to yield its _____.”

Numbers 20:8

10. God told Moses and Aaron “**Because you did not _____**
in Me, to uphold Me as _____ in the eyes of the
_____ of Israel therefore you shall not bring
this assembly into the land that I have given them.”
Numbers 20:12

Remember this:

11. What do you remember about Miriam? (Hint: When did she watch
over Moses?) _____

12. The Israelites said that they wished they had died when other Israelites
had died. Do you think they really meant that, or did they just have a
rebellious spirit? _____

13. Besides Moses and Aaron needing to obey God, what other reason was
there for Moses and Aaron to do what God told them when the
Israelites were watching? _____

14. Moses sounds like he was angry when he said, Hear now, you rebels:
shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” What else did Moses do
wrong? Pay attention to the underlined words. _____

15. Consequences of sin can be very hard and long lasting. For about forty
years of wandering in the wilderness, Moses and Aaron would be regretting

13

The Bronze Serpent

Num 21:4-9; II Kings 18:4; John 3:14-15

Memory verse: “If a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.” Numbers 21:9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe (strongly hate) this worthless food.” Then the Lord sent fiery serpents (burning, deadly snakes) among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

II Kings 18:4 says, “He (Hezekiah) removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah (idol). And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (It was called Nehushtan).

John 3:14-15 adds, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man (Jesus) be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.”

Lessons to Learn: The Israelites sinned again in the same way they had sinned many times before. They both grumbled and were ungrateful to Moses and to God.

Many years later the Israelites had turned the bronze serpent into an idol instead of using it as a memorial to remind them not to grumble or be ungrateful.

God made a way to save people from death, but the Israelites also had to do something. If they did not look at the serpent, they would die.

God has prepared a way for us to be saved, but we have to obey what he has said for us to do, or we will not be saved.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The Israelites admitted that they were in the wilderness because of their own sin.
- _____ 2. The Israelites were thankful for God's help in the wilderness.
- _____ 3. The Israelites realized they had sinned against God and Moses after God sent serpents among them.
- _____ 4. The Israelites lied when they said there was no food.
- _____ 5. God did everything that needed to be done to save the Israelites from the fiery serpents.

Short Answer:

6. What did the Israelites call the food that God had provided for them?

7. What does "fiery" serpent mean? _____

8. Moses made a _____ serpent and put it on a _____.

9. When a serpent bit a person, what did the person have to do so that he wouldn't die? _____

10. In the day of King Hezekiah what did the Israelites do with the bronze serpent? _____

Remember this:

11. Who would be lifted up like the bronze serpent? _____

12. James 1:22 says, "**But be _____ of the word, and not _____ only, deceiving yourselves.**"

13. Jesus is like the bronze serpent because he was lifted up on the cross and we must _____ in Him to have eternal life.

14. God has always required active belief/faith. We have a job to do, too. Read James 2: 14-17 and fill in the blanks.

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has _____

but does not have _____? Can that faith save him?

If a brother or sister is poorly _____ and lacking

in daily _____, and one of you says to them, “Go in

peace, be _____ and filled,” without giving them

the things _____ for the body, what good is that?

So also _____ by itself, if it does not have

_____, is dead.”



14

Balak Asks for Balaam's Help

Numbers 22:1-20

Memory verse: "You shall not curse the people, for they are blessed."
Numbers 22:12

Then the people of Israel set out and camped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho. And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. And Moab was in great dread (fear) of the people, because they were many. Moab was overcome with fear of the people of Israel. And Moab said to the elders of Midian, "This horde (large group of people) will now lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." So Balak the son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is near the River in the land of the people of Amaw, to call him, saying, "Behold, a people has come out of Egypt. They cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me. Come now, curse this people for me, since they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."

So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the fees for divination (the price for Balaam's prophecy) in their hand. And they came to Balaam and gave him Balak's message. And he said to them, "Lodge here tonight, and I will bring back word to you, as the Lord speaks to me." So the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.

And God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men with you?"

And Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, saying, 'Behold, a people has come out of Egypt, and it covers the face of the earth. Now come, curse them for me. Perhaps I shall be able to fight against them and drive them out.'"

God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people, for they are blessed." So Balaam rose in the morning and said to the princes of Balak, "Go to your own land, for the Lord has refused to let me go with you." So the princes of Moab rose and went to Balak and said, "Balaam refuses to come with us."

Once again Balak sent princes, more in number and more honorable than these. And they came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor: 'Let nothing hinder you from coming to me, for I will surely

do you great honor, and whatever you say to me I will do. Come, curse this people for me.’”

But Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, “Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the command of the Lord my God to do less or more. So you, too, please stay here tonight, that I may know what more the Lord will say to me.”

And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, “If the men have come to call you, rise, go with them; but only do what I tell you.”

II Peter 2:15 says some people “have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness.”

Lessons to Learn: Balak thought that if Balaam cursed the Israelites, Balak would be able to defeat them.

Balaam should have listened to God the first time, and not tried to see what else God might tell him.

Balaam wanted to go to Balak—so he could get the great honor and other gifts from him. So God let me do what he had set his mind to do.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The people of Moab were afraid because of the large number of Israelites.
- _____ 2. Balaam was right to check with God before deciding whether to help Balak.
- _____ 3. Balaam wasn’t sure what God wanted him to do after God spoke to him the first time.
- _____ 4. God really wanted Balaam to go to Balak.
- _____ 5. It is wrong to question what God has said.

Short Answer:

6. Balak knew what the Israelites had done to the _____.

7. What did Balak want Balaam to do to the Israelites? _____

8. Balak said to Balaam, **“I know that he whom you _____
is _____, and he whom you _____
is _____.”** Number 22:6

9. What did God tell Balaam the first time? “_____.
_____.
**You shall not _____ the people, for they are
_____.”** Numbers 22:12

10. What does Peter say that Balaam loved? _____

Remember this:

11. Even if we don't understand why God tells us to do something or not do it, we should not question Him. We should immediately obey. Read Isaiah 55:8-9 and fill in the blanks.

**“For My _____ are not your _____,
neither are your _____ My _____,
declares the Lord. For as the _____ are higher
than the _____, so are My ways _____
than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”**

12. Fill in the blanks. **“But who are you, O _____, to answer
back to _____? Will what is molded say to its
_____, (One who made it.) ‘Why have you made me
like this?’”** Romans 9:20

13. Read Hebrews 11: 8 to find out who obeyed God in faith.

“By faith _____ obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an _____. And he went out, not knowing _____ _____.”

14. There was another time that Abraham obeyed even though it was a harder situation. Read Hebrews 11: 17-19 and fill in the blanks.

“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up _____, and he who had received the _____ was in the act of offering up his _____, of whom it was said, “Through _____ shall your offspring be named.” He considered that _____ was able even to _____ him from the _____.”

15. Read Matthew 4:19-20 and fill in the blanks to see what Peter, Andrew, James, and John did when Jesus called them.

“And He said to them, ‘ _____ Me, and I will make you _____ of _____.’ _____ they left their nets and followed Him.”

15

Balaam's Donkey

Numbers 22:21-35

Memory verse: “Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse (stubbornly wrong).” Numbers 22:32

So Balaam rose in the morning and saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab. But God's anger was kindled because he went, and the angel of the Lord took his stand in the way as his adversary (enemy).

Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. And the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand. And the donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the road.

Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. And when the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she pushed against the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall. So he struck her again. Then the angel of the Lord went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, “What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?”

And Balaam said to the donkey, “Because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you.”

And the donkey said to Balaam, “Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?”

And he said, “No.”

Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face. And the angel of the Lord said to him, “Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse (stubbornly wrong) before me. The donkey saw me and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let her live.”

Then Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, “I have sinned, for I did not know that you stood in the road against me. Now therefore, if it is evil in your sight, I will turn back.”

And the angel of the Lord said to Balaam, “Go with the men, but speak only the word that I tell you.” So Balaam went on with the princes of Balak.

Lessons to Learn: Balaam was so determined to go to Balak that nothing seemed unusual to him, even when the donkey spoke to him.

Balaam became angry and mistreated the donkey.

The angel of the Lord said the he had come out to oppose Balaam because his way was wrong.

Even though Balaam was disobedient, God was going to use him to say what God wanted him to say.

True or False:

- _____ 1. It was okay for Balaam to go with the princes of Moab because God said he could go.
- _____ 2. The donkey could see the angel of the Lord, but Balaam could not until the end.
- _____ 3. Balaam became so angry at the donkey that he said he would have killed her if he had a sword.
- _____ 4. Twice the donkey tried to stay away from the angel.
- _____ 5. Balaam was going to be in control of what he said about Israel.

Short Answers:

6. The angel of the Lord stood in the way as Balaam’s _____.

7. Match to put the events in the correct order.

Donkey laid down under Balaam. 1

The donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. 2

She pushed against the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall 3

8. How many times did the angel stand in the way? _____
9. What did Balaam do to the donkey each time she would not go where he wanted her to go?

10. What did the angel say would have happened if the donkey had not turned away from the angel?

Remember this:

11. What is weird about how Balaam answers when God makes the donkey talk to him? (hint: Did he act like this was a normal happening or abnormal happening? Did he stop and think or not?)

12. When people become angry, they often do other things that are wrong. What did Balaam do because he was angry?

He _____ the donkey with his staff.

He said he wished he had a _____, and then he would _____ the donkey.”

13. Read Ephesians 4:26 and fill in the blanks.

“Be angry and do not _____; do not let the _____ go down on your _____.”

14. Read James 1:19-20 and fill in the blanks.

“Let every person be quick to _____, slow to _____, slow to _____; for the _____ of man does not produce the _____ of God.”

16

Balaam Blesses Israel

Numbers 22:36-41, 23:1-24:25

Memory verse: “Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it? Numbers 23:19

When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him ...And Balak said to Balaam, “Did I not send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?”

Balaam said to Balak, “Behold, I have come to you! Have I now any power of my own to speak anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that must I speak.” Then Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth. And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent for Balaam and for the princes who were with him.

And in the morning Balak took Balaam and brought him up to Bamoth-baal, and from there he saw a fraction of the people.

And Balaam said to Balak, “Build for me here seven altars, and prepare for me here seven bulls and seven rams.” Balak did as Balaam had said. And Balaam said to Balak, “Stand beside your burnt offering, and I will go. Perhaps the Lord will come to meet me, and whatever he shows me I will tell you.” And he went to a bare height, and God met Balaam. And Balaam said to him, “I have arranged the seven altars and I have offered on each altar a bull and a ram.”

And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, “Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak.” And he returned to him, and behold, he and all the princes of Moab were standing beside his burnt offering. And Balaam took up his discourse and said...

“How can I curse whom God has not cursed?

How can I denounce (declare wrong) whom the Lord has not denounced?

For from the top of the crags (cliffs) I see him,

from the hills I behold him;

behold, a people dwelling alone,

and not counting itself among the nations!

Who can count the dust of Jacob

or number the fourth part of Israel?

Let me die the death of the upright,

and let my end be like his!”

And Balak said to Balaam, “What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have done nothing but bless them.”

And he answered and said, “Must I not take care to speak what the Lord puts in my mouth?”

And Balak said to him, “Please come with me to another place, from which you may see them. You shall see only a fraction of them and shall not see them all. Then curse them for me from there.”

...Balaam said to Balak, “Stand here beside your burnt offering, while I meet the Lord over there.”... And Balaam took up his discourse and said, “Rise, Balak, and hear;

 give ear to me, O son of Zippor:
God is not man, that He should lie,
 or a son of man, that He should change His mind.
Has He said, and will He not do it?

 Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?
Behold, I received a command to bless:

 He has blessed, and I cannot revoke it...
now it shall be said of Jacob and Israel,

 ‘What has God wrought!’ (What has God done or made.)...

 (Balak tried to get Balaam to curse the Israelites two more times, but Balaam only blessed God’s people.)

Lessons to Learn: Balaam could not curse the Israelites because God had blessed them.

In Balaam’s blessings he also proclaimed the goodness of God.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Balaam could see all the Israelites from the high places where Balak took him.
- _____ 2. Balaam didn’t tell Balak that he could only say what God wanted him to say, so Balak thought he would curse the Israelites.
- _____ 3. God “put a word” in Balaam’s mouth, so he could only speak what God told him to say.
- _____ 4. Balaam said that people would say, “What has God done?” about Israel.
- _____ 5. Balaam blessed the Israelites 3 times.

Short Answer:

6. What did Balaam tell Balak to build for him? _____

7. What did Balaam sacrifice? How many of each? _____

8. Fill in the blanks to complete what Balaam said.

“How can I _____ whom God has not _____?”

**How can I _____ (declare wrong) whom
the _____ has not denounced?”** Numbers 23:8

9. Did Balaam speak on his own? If not, who was making sure he blessed Israel?

10. What does “What has God wrought!” mean? _____

Remember this:

11. Fill in the blanks to discover some truths about God.

“God is not _____, that He should _____,

or a _____ of man, that He should change His _____.

Has He _____, and will He not _____?”

**Or has He _____, and will He not _____
it?”** Number 23: 19

12. Balaam said, “Now it shall be said of Jacob and Israel, ‘What has God wrought!’” What had Balak heard about God helping the Israelites? You may want to look back to lesson 14.

13. When you think about the statement, ‘What has God wrought!’ What great works of God have you learned about in the Old Testament so far? (Think back to Joseph’s time and Egypt especially)

14. Fill in the blanks from Psalm 66. The verse numbers are listed.

- 1. “Shout for _____ to God, all the earth;**
- 2. sing the _____ of His _____;**
give to Him glorious _____!
- 3. Say to God, “How _____ are Your deeds!**
So great is Your _____...
- 5. Come and see what _____ has done: He is awesome**
in His _____...
- 7. Who _____ by His _____ forever,**
Whose _____ keep watch on the _____...”

17

Joshua Chosen to Succeed Moses

Num 27:12-23; 33:38-39, 50-56

Memory verse: “You shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you.” Numbers 33:52

The Lord said to Moses, “Go up into this mountain of Abarim and see the land that I have given to the people of Israel. When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was because you rebelled against My word in the wilderness of Zin when the congregation quarreled, failing to uphold Me as holy at the waters before their eyes.” (These are the waters of Meribah...)

Moses spoke to the Lord, saying, “Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep that have no shepherd.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. Make him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and you shall commission him in their sight. You shall invest him with some of your authority, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey. And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the Lord. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the people of Israel with him, the whole congregation.” And Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and made him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole congregation, and he laid his hands on him and commissioned him as the Lord directed through Moses.

And Aaron the priest went up Mount Hor at the command of the Lord and died there, in the fortieth year after the people of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, on the first day of the fifth month. And Aaron was 123 years old when he died on Mount Hor...

And the Lord spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you and destroy all their figured stones

and destroy all their metal images and demolish (destroy) all their high places. And you shall take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given the land to you to possess it... But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then those of them whom you let remain shall be as barbs (thorns, needles) in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall trouble you in the land where you dwell. And I will do to you as I thought to do to them.”

Lessons to Learn: Moses was still caring for the Israelites by asking God to give them a leader so they would not be like sheep without a shepherd.

God chose Joshua, who had been Moses’ helper, to lead the Israelites after Moses’ death.

God commanded the Israelites to drive out all the people who lived in Canaan and destroy all their idols. He did not want the Israelites to be around evil people or learn to do evil things.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Aaron had already died before this lesson.
- _____ 2. Moses rebelled when he struck the rock at Mt. Sinai.
- _____ 3. Joshua received all Moses’ authority at this time.
- _____ 4. When the Israelites entered Canaan they were supposed to drive out all of the people who lived there.
- _____ 5. There would be consequences if the Israelites did not drive the people out of Canaan.

Short Answer:

6. Moses could not enter Canaan, but how would he see Canaan before he died?

7. Where did Moses rebel against God and not uphold Him as holy?

8. Moses asked God to give the Israelites a leader so that “the congregation of the Lord may not be as _____ that have no _____.” Numbers 27:17
9. Who was chosen to lead the Israelites after Moses’ death? _____
10. God spoke to Moses by the _____ river at _____ (city). Numbers 33:50
11. How old was Aaron when he died? _____

Remember this:

12. What other times have we read about Joshua? You should remember two or three things about him.
- _____
- _____

13. Read Numbers 33:55-56 and fill in the blanks.

“But if you do not drive out the _____ of the land from before you, then those of them whom you let _____ shall be as _____ (thorns, needles) in your eyes and _____ in your sides, and they shall _____ you in the land where you dwell. And I will do to you as I thought to do to them.”

18

Moses Reviews the Law

Deuteronomy 11:26; 30:11-31:29

Memory verse: “This commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.” Deut. 30:11

(Before his death, Moses reviewed the history of the Israelites from their deliverance from slavery in Egypt through their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. Moses reminded the people of their sins against God and how Moses had sinned and lost the chance to go into Canaan. Moses reviewed all the laws God had given them and also reminded the Israelites of the blessings God had promised them if they obeyed Him and the curses God promised them if they disobeyed.)

“See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.” Deut. 11:26

“For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him,

for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.” Deut. 30:11-20

When Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book to the very end, Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, “Take this Book of the Law and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against you. For I know how rebellious and stubborn you are. Behold, even today while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the Lord. How much more after my death! Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, so that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them. For I know that after my death you will surely act corruptly and turn aside from the way that I have commanded you. And in the days to come evil will befall you, because you will do what is evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands.” Deut. 31:24-29

Lessons to Learn: God has always blessed the people who obey Him, and He has always punished people who disobey Him. God gives people the choice to either obey Him or disobey Him.

True or False:

- _____ 1. If the Israelites turned to idol gods, they would be cursed.
- _____ 2. God commandments to the Israelites were too hard for them to do.
- _____ 3. The Israelites could choose whether to obey God or not obey Him.
- _____ 4. The Israelites had to obey God to be able to live long in the land of Canaan.
- _____ 5. Moses was sure that the Israelites would be faithful and obey God.

Short Answer:

- 6. Moses reviewed the history of the Israelites from their _____
from slavery in _____ through their _____
years of wandering in the wilderness.

7. Write blessing or curse next to the phrase from Moses' talk to the Israelites, depending on which one the phrase has to do with.

- A. Obey the commandments of God _____
- B. Turn aside from the way that
I am commanding you _____
- C. Go after other gods _____
- D. Life and good _____
- E. Death and evil _____
- F. Loving the Lord your God _____
- G. Walking in His ways _____
- H. Keeping His commandments and His
statutes and His rules _____
- I. Heart turns away and you will not hear _____
- J. Drawn away to worship other gods _____
- K. Life and length of days _____
- L. Dwell in the land that the Lord
swore to your fathers _____
- M. Not live long in the land _____

Remember this:

8. Did God give any commandments to the Israelites that were too hard for them?

9. Does God give us any commandments that we can not do? _____

10. Read I John 5:3 and fill in the blanks.

**“For this is the _____ of God, that we keep his
_____. And his commandments are not
_____.”(difficult)**

11. Read John 14:23-24 and fill in the blanks.

**“Jesus answered him, “If anyone _____ Me, he will
keep My _____, and my _____ will
love him,... Whoever does not _____ Me does not
keep My _____.”**

12. Be ready to discuss what the two verses above teach us.

13. How did Moses think the Israelites would act after he died? _____



19

Moses' Death

Deuteronomy 31: 1-8; 32:48-52; 34:1-12

Memory verse: “Be strong and courageous... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you.” Deuteronomy 31:7

So Moses continued to speak these words to all Israel. And he said to them, “I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. The Lord has said to me, ‘You shall not go over this Jordan.’ The Lord your God Himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them, and Joshua will go over at your head, as the Lord has spoken... Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

That very day the Lord spoke to Moses, “Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel for a possession. And die on the mountain which you go up, and be gathered to your people... For you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there, into the land that I am giving to the people of Israel.” Deut. 32

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo (highest mountain), to the top of Pisgah (mountain range), which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land... And the Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.”

So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, and He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. (He was still strong.) And the people of Israel wept

for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Lessons to Learn: The Israelites had nothing to fear because God was with them.

Think about how Moses must have felt when he saw the land of Canaan, but could not go into it.

God buried Moses and no one knows where he was buried.

True or False:

- _____ 1. God was going to help the Israelites take over the land of Canaan.
- _____ 2. Moses saw the land of Canaan from Jericho.
- _____ 3. Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom.
- _____ 4. Moses was a prophet. (A messenger or speaker for God)
- _____ 5. The Israelites wept (cried) for Moses 40 days when he died.

Short Answer:

6. How old was Moses when he died? _____
 7. Would God be with Joshua like he had been with Moses? _____
 8. What mountain did Moses go up onto to see the land of Canaan? _____
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9. The mountain that Moses went up on was in the land of _____
and across from the city of _____.
Deuteronomy 32:49

10. The land of Canaan was the land that God had promised to
_____, _____, and
_____.

Remember this:

11. Even though Moses was 120 years old, what does the Bible say about his health?

12. Deuteronomy 34:10-12 says there was no other prophet in Israel like Moses. Fill in the blanks to show why Moses was special.

**“And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like
Moses, whom the Lord knew _____ to _____,
none like him for all the _____ and the _____
that the Lord sent him to do in the land of _____, to
_____ and to all his servants and to all his land,
and for all the mighty _____ and all the great deeds of
_____ that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.”**

13. The promised land of Canaan was God’s promise to Israelites who obeyed Him. God has promised people who obey Him today a “promised land,” too. Where is it? _____