Lesson 3

1/13/19

Moses

Numbers 12:3

The goal for this lesson is to explain the meekness of Moses.

1) Define “meekness” as used in the Bible.

2) In Revelation 5:5-6, Jesus is described as both the lion of Judah & as a lamb that has been slain. How do these comparisons show Jesus’ meekness? See also Philippians 2:5-8.

3) In Exodus 3 & 4, God asks Moses to confront Pharaoh & to ask him to let the Israelites go free. Based on Pharaoh’s power & Moses’ history in Egypt (murdering the Egyptian, Exodus 2:11), God’s mission could very likely lead to Moses’ death. At the age of 80 (Exodus 7:7), Moses begins his relationship with God having little or no confidence in Him. Read the following verses & explain how they show Moses’ lack of meekness.

-Exodus 3:11

-Exodus 3:13

-Exodus 4:10

-Exodus 5:21-23

-Exodus 4:1

-Exodus 6:30

4) God had a very important job for Moses to do. For each of the following verses, explain what God provided Moses & how this would lead to Moses becoming meek.

-Exodus 7:1

-Exodus 19:16-20

-Exodus 33:11

-Exodus 33:17-23

-Deuteronomy 34:10

-Numbers 12:1-9

5) What has God done for you in order to help you become meek?

John 3:16; Colossians 3:12; II Timothy 1:7, 2:15; Hebrews 4:16

6) What was Moses’ mistake & what were the consequences? Numbers 20:2-13; Deuteronomy 3:23-29, 32:48-52, 34:1-12

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**We won’t have time to cover these verses in class, but please take a moment to consider these examples of Moses’ faith, meekness & leadership.**

Exodus 7:6 – Moses & Aaron did just as the Lord commanded them when they went & spoke to Pharaoh.

Exodus 18:24-27 – Jethro, Moses’ father in law, gave Moses advice regarding leading/judging the people. Moses put the needs of Israel above his own & he took the burden rather than put it on others. He followed wise advice when it was given to him.

Exodus 40:16 - After the tabernacle is set up, we are told that Moses obeyed God & did everything exactly the way God commanded.

Leviticus 8-9 - Moses consecrated Aaron & his sons as priests. Moses performed the entire process just as God commanded.

Numbers 16-17 - Korah, Dathan, Abiram, & then all Israel rebelled against Moses. God confirmed Moses as leader & all who rebelled against him are killed.

Deuteronomy 18:15-22 - God promised to raise up Jesus, a new prophet “like Moses”. He is compared to Jesus because he shared God’s words with the people.

Matthew 9:36, Numbers 27:17 - When Moses died God picked Joshua to lead Israel so they wouldn’t be “sheep without a shepherd”. Moses was a shepherd to the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 4:1-14 – Moses commanded the people to obey God & he held them to a high standard. He wasn’t afraid to tell the people to follow God.

Numbers 14:1-19 - After the spies come back from Canaan, the people complained & God was ready to destroy them. Moses pled with God & asked Him to pardon their iniquity.

Deuteronomy 9:13-29 – Moses interceded for the people after they complained. God listened to him & didn’t destroy them.

In verse 18 & 25 we’re told that Moses ‘lay prostrate before the Lord’ 40 days/nights, ate no bread & drank no water because of the sin of the people. In verse 26 we’re told that Moses prayed for God to have mercy on them.