

October 25: Moses Character Study Part 3

Gather: Bible

Introduction:

The first week we looked at Moses and some of the main events throughout his life, then last week we looked at verses that described him. Today we are looking at a few prayers of Moses and what we can learn from them.

Prayer 1

Read **Numbers 12**.

Moses' prayer in this chapter is simple and short. He cries out "Please, God, heal her" in verse 13. When we look at the surrounding context though, we see some key things that make this prayer powerful. What do you think makes this prayer powerful?

- Verse 1: Aaron and Miriam are speaking against Moses.
- Verse 6-8: Moses has special privileges given by God
- Verse 11: Aaron asks for forgiveness for both of them
- Verse 13: Moses gives it and gives it immediately

What does this tell you about the character of Moses?

Verse 14-15, God hears Moses' prayer and listens. He does not allow her to die, but there are still consequences for her sin.

What does this tell you about the character of God?

Prayer 2

Read **Exodus 32**. And note the prayers from verses 11-13 and 31-32.

Again Moses prays on behalf of people who are sinning. There are some key differences though. The people have not repented for their sin when Moses first prays for them. After a hefty consequence, Moses prays for them again to make atonement for them.

Look at verses 11-13 and 31-32. What do you notice about Moses' prayer?

- He asks for mercy
- He reminds God to remember the promises He made
- He desires the Egyptians know God is loving
- He knows God's words and uses them (verse 13)
- He acknowledges their sin and asks for God to forgive them

What do these prayers tell you about Moses?

What does God's response tell you about God?

Moses gives us an example of how we can pray for others. We can remind God of His promises, ask for mercy, pray for those who've done wrong. We can be agents of change when we pray, as Moses was when he prayed on behalf of (interceded for) the Israelites.

Have you prayed like this before? What would it look like for you to pray for these types of things right now? Is there someone or a group of people you could intercede for?

Memory Verse: Daniel 9:9. "The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him."

Prayer: "Lord, let me follow Moses' example in being quick to forgiveness. Let me not hold grudges against people who do me wrong but let me forgive them and turn my prayers to you. Help me to pray with mercy for others, and for your mercy to be given. Give me a heart for the people like Moses, that I can love them even when they do wrong. Amen."

Challenge: If you have an opportunity to forgive someone this week, do it quickly and even pray for them!