

## Prayer-Part Eleven-Moses Prayer Life

Moses, the Lawgiver, as recorded in the last four books of the Pentateuch, is in constant communication with the Lord, Jehovah, but in the book of Exodus we see the most abundant examples of dialogue with God. The other books record mostly God talking to Moses as he gives him the law and makes certain other pronouncements. For this reason, our main focus will be in the book of Exodus.

In Exodus Chapter three, as I contend is the case with all prayer, communication is initiated by God. Moses has led his flock to the back of the desert when he sees a burning bush that is not burning up. God has initiated with a glorious visual and gotten Moses' attention. When God saw Moses move toward him, God called his name. Moses answered. Then God showed him how he must be approached. This instruction to remove his shoes because of the holiness of the place anticipates all of the instruction to come as relates to approaching God. God is holy and we must prepare ourselves to approach him. God goes on to reveal himself, I Am, and give Moses his commission. God also manifests his power, Exodus 4:2-9, his sufficiency in the face of human deficiency, Ex 4:10-12, his forbearance, Ex.4:13-17.

The covenant is declared, Ex. 6:1-13/6:28-30. Exodus Chapters 7 to 14, "and the Lord spake unto Moses saying." In this communication, God is doing most of the talking. In Chapter 15, Moses responds to God and his deliverance with a wonderful song, Ex.15:1-19. Worship and praise is always a part of our prayer time.

Ex 16:4 – God responds to murmuring and not to a prayer request. Ex 17:4 Moses cries to the Lord "What shall I do. Ex 17:15, Moses builds an altar in response to God's deliverance, Jehovah Nissi.

Exodus 19:3, Moses approaches God and God calls to him. 19:4-6, covenant. 19:9-25. In 19:20 God calls Moses to come up. The more we commune with God, the closer we get to him. He invites us to come up so that he can show us more. Exodus 20 – 31. God gives the law.

In Exodus 32:7, the warning of evil; 11-13; 30-34; Ex.33:1-3, God tells Moses that he will cause the people to be led into the land, but God will not go with them;

Exodus 33:11 – God speaks to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to a friend. We want to achieve that intimacy with God. Moses within the privilege of the grace he has found with the Lord makes a request that God show him more of himself. In Exodus 33:18, "I beg you Lord to show me your glory." And in Exodus 33:19-23, God promises to show him as much as he can handle.

After getting instruction to receive the word again God shows Moses his glory and gives more about his character (Exodus 34:5-7) . Moses worships God and intercedes, go among us , pardon our iniquity and sin, and take us as thine inheritance.. God voices the commandments and covenant. In Ex.34:28 , it is recorded that Moses was with the Lord 40 days and nights, taking no food.