

Promise and Deliverance Student Workbook

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Level 1

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Preface

When S.G. De Graaf wrote his four-volume series, *Promise and Deliverance*, he showed educators how to teach Bible stories from a redemptive-historical perspective. Rather than turning Bible stories into moralistic tales, De Graaf taught us how all the Bible shows God revealing himself as the God of the covenant, who is working out His redemptive plan for humanity and all of creation.

The 80 workbooks written by Harvey De Groot are meant to supplement De Graaf's work. They are divided by volume and level number: 20 volumes with four levels per volume. Workbook lessons are written at four levels so that families with students in various grades can study the same Bible stories during the week in preparation for their classes on Sunday. Prior to class, the Sunday School teacher should study the lesson in De Graaf's book. The teacher and students can go through the workbook during class.

The levels are divided according to the following grades:

- **Level One:** Grades K-1
- **Level Two:** Grades 2-3
- **Level Three:** Grades 4-6
- **Level Four:** Grades 7-8

Each volume contains 12 or 13 lessons, and each lesson has the following sections:

- **Reference:** The volume and lesson number in De Graaf's series.
- **Scripture:** The passage from Scripture on which the lesson is based.
- **Memory Verse:** A memory verse related to the lesson
- **Lesson Truth:** A short statement to help the class focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Lesson:** The lesson itself, which the teacher can read in class. For older grades, the teacher may opt to assign it as homework.
- **Questions:** Items to be discussed in class. For older grades, the teacher can assign these questions as homework but should also use them as a basis for class discussion. These are not the only questions that could or should be asked. Teachers should encourage students to come with their own questions as well.

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Freedom to Serve the Lord

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 37

Scripture: Exodus 5–11

Memory Verse: “Then Moses and Aaron did so; just as the Lord commanded them, so they did.” (Exodus 7:6)

Lesson Truth: God’s people had to be free to serve Him, so He led them out of Egypt.

Lesson

God’s people were slaves in Egypt. God wanted them to be free. They had to be free to serve the Lord. Pharaoh would not let them go. God showed His power in Egypt. Pharaoh had to learn that God’s people must be free to serve Him. God sent ten plagues so Pharaoh would learn. He would learn that there is a God of heaven and earth.

God sent Moses and Aaron to Egypt. He sent them to Pharaoh, the king. They told Pharaoh God’s command. God said, “Let My people go that they may serve Me.” Pharaoh would not listen. He asked, “Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?” He said that Moses and Aaron kept the people from work. He made God’s people work harder. Moses felt very bad. He asked God, “Why did You bring trouble on the people? Why did you send me? God told Moses what He would do to Pharaoh. Pharaoh would see God’s strong hand. Pharaoh would let God’s people go.

Moses and Aaron went back to Pharaoh. God gave them a sign to show Pharaoh. God told Aaron to throw his rod on the ground. Aaron’s rod became a snake. The men of magic from Egypt threw down their rods. Their rods became snakes. Aaron’s rod ate their rods. God made Aaron’s rod greater than their rods. But Pharaoh would not listen.

Pharaoh's heart was hard. God would show His power to Pharaoh. God told Moses to meet Pharaoh. He would meet him when he went to the river. He told Pharaoh he would change the water to blood. Then Pharaoh would know that the Lord is God. All the water in Egypt was changed to blood. The fish died. The river stank. But Pharaoh would not listen. His men of magic changed water to blood. Pharaoh's heart was hard.

God told Moses again to tell Pharaoh to let God's people go. Pharaoh would not listen. Then God sent frogs to cover the land. Still Pharaoh's heart was hard. His men of magic made frogs. But they could not make them leave. Only God could make them leave. Now God made the dust turn to lice. Pharaoh's men of magic could not make lice. But Pharaoh would not listen. So, God sent flies. The flies did not come to God's people. They only came to the people of Egypt. But Pharaoh would not listen. His heart was hard.

God then sent sickness on the animals of Egypt. He sent a terrible hailstorm. He sent swarms of locusts. Finally, God sent three days of darkness. The people in Egypt could not see anything. But Pharaoh would not listen. He would not let God's people go.

God told Moses He would bring one more plague on Egypt. This would be the most terrible plague of all. All the first born of Egypt would die. The first born of Pharaoh would die. The first born of the servants and the animals would die. Then Pharaoh would chase God's people out of Egypt. Pharaoh would know there is a God. He would know that God rules heaven and earth. He would know God's people must be free to serve Him.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. God told (Pharaoh – Aaron) to, “let my people go to serve Me.”
2. Aaron's rod became a (frog – snake).
3. God changed all the water in Egypt to (blood – wine).

4. God sent (five – three) days of darkness on the land of Egypt.

5. The most terrible plague of all was that the first born of Egypt would (be sick – die)

Resurrection

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 38

Scripture: Exodus 12:1–13:16

Memory Verse: “By faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.” (Hebrews 11:28)

Lesson Truth: Israel’s leaving the sin of Egypt was like being raised from the dead.

Lesson

God’s people were in Egypt four hundred thirty years. They nearly forgot they were God’s people. They began to act like the Egyptians. God’s people cannot forget God. Then they would die. God would save them from Egypt. God would make the Egyptians let them go. He would send the tenth plague. God’s people would leave Egypt. This would be like being raised from the dead.

God sent nine terrible plagues on Egypt. Egypt was nearly destroyed. Yet Pharaoh would not let God’s people go. He would not let them serve God in the wilderness. God told Moses and Aaron to get ready for the last plague. God told them to help His people get ready. They had to get ready for the tenth plague. They had to get ready to leave Egypt. God told His people it would be just like a New Year. Their leaving would be just like waking from death.

God told Moses how the people had to get ready. Each family had to choose a lamb. The lamb had to be perfect. It had to be the best in the flock. They had to choose this lamb on the tenth day of the new year. On the fourteenth day they had to kill the lamb. Then they had to do two things with the lamb. They had to sprinkle the blood on their doorposts. And they had to roast the lamb and eat it. It all had to be eaten on that day. They had to eat it with

unleavened bread and with bitter herbs. The bitter herbs would remind them of their bitter work in Egypt. God called this Feast the Passover.

God then told them why they needed the blood on the doorposts. God said He would pass through the land of Egypt that night. He would make all the firstborn in Egypt die. The firstborn of both rich and poor would die. The firstborn of the animals would die. Not every family would have the firstborn die. The firstborn of the families who had blood on the doorposts would live. This was how God showed His grace to His people. God said His people should always remember. They should remember when he passed over Israel in Egypt. Today we remember the Passover at the Lord's Supper.

God's people left Egypt that day. After Pharaoh's firstborn son died, he called for Moses and Aaron. He told them to leave Egypt. He said they should take everything they owned. They should take women and children. They should take flocks and herds. Now Pharaoh knew there was a God in heaven.

God had chosen the firstborn. The firstborn in Egypt died. The firstborn of Israel were given to God. In Canaan each family would have to pay a ransom for their firstborn. The lesson about the Passover is a picture of Jesus. Jesus is God's Passover Lamb. His blood will save God's people.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The Lord told (Moses – Pharaoh) to get ready for the last plague.
2. God's people leaving Egypt was just like waking from (sleep – death).
3. Each family had to choose a (lamb – pigeon) for the Passover.

4. Each family had to sprinkle blood on the (window – doorposts) of their house.

5. Today we remember the Passover with (the Lord's Supper – baptism).

The Day of the Lord

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 39

Scripture: Exodus 13:17–15:21

Memory Verse: “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid.” (Isaiah 12:2a)

Lesson Truth: In love, the Lord saved his people and destroyed Pharaoh at the Red Sea.

Lesson

God loves his people. He led them out of Egypt. He saved them from Pharaoh’s army. God was there when His people walked through the Red Sea. God was there when Pharaoh and his army drowned. It is the day of the Lord when God is there.

All the firstborn in Egypt died. God had sent His tenth plague. The Egyptians were very sad. They urged God’s people to leave. God led Moses and His people out of Egypt. He was with His people in a pillar of cloud each day. At night He was with them in a pillar of fire. God led His people into the wilderness. This was a strange way to go. This was the way to the Red Sea. The way to Canaan was along the great sea. The Lord would bring glory to Himself by going this way.

Pharaoh was sorry he let God’s people leave Egypt. He decided to try to catch them. He followed them to the Red Sea. God’s people were afraid. They were afraid Pharaoh would take them back to Egypt. The Red Sea was ahead of them. Pharaoh and his army were behind them. Where could they go? They cried to Moses. They said Moses should have left them in Egypt. Moses told them to be still and see how God would save them. He told them not to be afraid. Moses said, “The Lord will fight for you.” The Lord then told Moses to stretch his rod over the Red Sea. Then the Lord sent a wind from the east. The wind blew the water so that a dry path was made through

the sea. Then God told Moses to have His people march through the sea. They walked between walls of water. God loved His people, so He would not let Pharaoh catch them.

Pharaoh's heart was hard. He thought he could follow God's people. He wanted to catch them. God made the wheels come off of Pharaoh's chariots. Then he became afraid. He said the Lord is fighting for His people. He could not catch God's people. He could not go back to the shore. Pharaoh and his army were stuck. Then God told Moses to stretch his rod over the Red Sea again. When he did this the water came back together. It covered Pharaoh and all his army. Not one Egyptian was saved. They drowned in the Red Sea.

Now God's people were across the sea. They were free from Pharaoh. They were free from Egypt. God's people saw the great things He had done. He saved His people. He destroyed Pharaoh and his army. Now God's people believed that He was the Lord. They sang a song of praise to the Lord. They sang about the Lord throwing the horse and rider into the sea.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The Lord was with His people in a pillar of (dust – fire).
2. (Pharaoh – Moses) was sorry he let God's people leave Egypt.
3. The Lord led His people into the (city – wilderness).
4. At the Red Sea Moses told the people that (the Lord – Pharaoh) would fight for them.
5. God's people crossed the Red Sea on a (bridge – dry path).

Borne on Eagles Wings

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 40

Scripture: Exodus 15:22–17:16

Memory Verse: “He also rained meat on them like the dust, feathered fowl like the sand of the seas.” (Psalm 78:27)

Lesson Truth: The Lord carries His people to Himself just as an eagle carries her young on her wings.

Lesson

The Lord brought His people to Mount Sinai. At Mount Sinai He made an agreement with His people. He would be their God. They would be His people. They had to learn to trust the Lord. On the way to Mount Sinai the Lord taught them to trust Him. They learned to trust the Lord to give them food and water. The Lord showed His love for His people. He showed His love even when they complained.

God’s people marched from the Red Sea for three days. All the water they brought from Egypt was gone. At Marah they found some water. It was very bitter. They could not drink it. Then they complained to Moses. Moses asked the Lord what he could do. The Lord showed him a tree. Moses threw the tree into the water. The water became sweet. Now the people could drink. The tree did not change the water. The Lord made the water sweet. The Lord wanted His people to trust Him. The Lord was the one who healed the water. The Lord would keep His people from getting sick.

God’s people walked on to the wilderness. Now the food they brought from Egypt was gone. They did not know where they could find meat and bread. They still did not trust the Lord. Again they complained to Moses. They even wished they had died in Egypt. Moses knew the Lord could take care of His

people. He told the Lord about their complaint. The Lord told Moses He would send a miracle. Moses told the people they would see the miracle. The Lord would send them meat in the evening and bread in the morning. It happened just as the Lord told Moses. In the evening the Lord sent quail that the people could catch for meat. In the morning the Lord sent little white seeds on the dew. These seed's were their bread. They called the seeds manna. The Lord told the people to gather enough manna for only one day. Each day the Lord would send more seeds. The Lord wanted His people to trust Him for food each day.

Moses and the people of Israel walked on. They came to Rephidim. Here there was not water. The people were thirsty. They still did not trust the Lord to take care of them. They were not ready to be part of the Lord's agreement. At Rephidim they even asked the question: "Is the Lord among us or not?" This was not a question of trust. It was a question of unbelief. Then the Lord told Moses He would stand before him on the rock. The Lord would make water come from the rock. Moses struck the rock and water came out. Now the people could drink. The Lord took care of his people even when they questioned Him.

The Lord also showed His people He would fight for them. The soldiers of Amalek attacked God's people. Moses sent Joshua to fight with Amalek. Moses watched the battle from a hill. When Moses raised his arms Israel would win. When he put his arms down Amalek would win. Moses became tired so he could not keep his arms up. Then Aaron and Hur held his arms up. Israel won the battle. Then Moses built an altar. He called it the Lord is my Banner. The Lord did all these things to teach the people to trust Him.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The people could not drink the water at Marah because it was (dirty – bitter).

2. (Joshua – Moses) threw a tree into the waters at Marah and they became sweet.
3. The Lord sent (quail – doves) for meat for His people in the wilderness.
4. The seeds that God’s people were given for bread were called (manna - meribah).
5. (Moses – the people) questioned, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The Covenant Established

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 41

Scripture: Exodus 18–24

Memory Verse: “Then all the people answered together and said, ‘All that the Lord has spoken we will do.’” (Exodus 19: 8a)

Lesson Truth: The Lord made Israel into a nation. The Lord made a promise to this nation.

Lesson

What is a covenant? When did God make His covenant with Israel? A covenant is a big word that means to make a promise. It also means to make an agreement. Today we will learn about the covenant. This covenant was made between God and Israel. God promised He would always be their God. God said the people of Israel must obey His commandments. The children of Israel could not keep God’s commandments. But the Lord Jesus Christ could keep them.

God helped Israel to become a nation. When they left Egypt, they were a big family. Now God sent Moses father-in-law to visit him. Moses father-in-law was Jethro. Jethro watched Moses rule the people. He saw Moses listen to the people’s problems all day. He said Moses should ask good men to help him. Moses told some men to rule groups of one thousand. He told others to rule groups of one hundred. Still others ruled groups of fifty. Some even ruled groups of ten. In this way Israel became a nation. God made his covenant with this nation.

God told Moses He would give Israel His covenant. God would do this at a special service. This service would be on Mount Sinai. God told Moses to have the people get ready for this service. Moses had to pray for the people. The people had to wash their clothes. Moses had to make a line around the mountain. The people could not cross this line. If they crossed the line they

would die. They would die because God was on the mountain. On the third day the mountain was covered with a cloud. The people heard loud thunder. They saw lightening. They even heard a very loud trumpet. This made them afraid. The whole mountain was covered with smoke and fire. Then God spoke from the mountain. He gave the people the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments were the laws of the covenant. The people had to obey these commandments. Then God would always be their God. How sad that the people could not obey all God's commandments. But the Lord Jesus Christ did obey them perfectly. God's promise is true today. It is true because Jesus kept all God's commandments. He kept them for Israel and for you and me.

God told Moses to come up to the mountain. He told him to bring Aaron and his two sons. He told him to bring seventy elders of Israel. Moses built an altar on the mountain. He had young men sacrifice oxen on the altar. Moses took the blood of these oxen. He sprinkled half of the blood on the altar. The other half he sprinkled on the people. Moses told the people this was the blood of the covenant. This blood pointed to the blood of Jesus. Jesus would sacrifice His blood on the cross. The blood of Jesus takes away the sins of everyone who believes in him.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. A promise or an agreement is called a (covenant – deal).
2. Moses father-in-law was (Jethro – Aaron).
3. When the people heard the thunder and saw the lightening they were (happy – afraid).

4. The laws of the covenant are the (Ten Plagues – Ten Commandments).
5. The blood of the oxen pointed to the blood of (Jesus – Moses).

The Mediator

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 42

Scripture: Exodus 32–34

Memory Verse: “And He said, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’” (Exodus 33:14)

Lesson Truth: Moses was the mediator between God and His people in the Old Testament. When Moses asked God to forgive His people the covenant was renewed.

Lesson

Today we will learn about a mediator. A mediator goes between. Moses was a mediator. Moses was between God and Israel. Moses asked God to forgive Israel. Jesus is our Mediator. Jesus is between God and us. Jesus asks God to forgive us. This is the story of Moses, a mediator.

God came to the children of Israel. God came down on Mount Sinai. He gave them the Ten Commandments. God made a covenant with the Israelites. God asked Moses to come on the mountain. God gave Moses the rules of the covenant. Moses was on the mountain a long time. The people forgot Moses. They also forgot God. They asked Aaron to make a god for them. They wanted a god they could see. They wanted this god to lead them. This was a wicked thing to do. Aaron should not have listened to them.

Aaron told the people to bring their gold. They brought him their gold earrings. He made a golden calf. Aaron even made an altar to worship this calf. God saw what Aaron did. God saw what the people did. God talked to Moses on the mountain. God told Moses the people broke His covenant. They worshipped another god. God said He would destroy the children of Israel. God said He would make a new nation from Moses’ family.

Moses then became a mediator. He asked God, “What would the Egyptians say?” They would say, “God brought them to the mountain to kill them.” Moses asked God to remember Abraham. He asked God to remember Isaac and Israel. Moses said God promised to make them into a great nation. Then God said He would not destroy the people. God said He would punish them for their sin.

Moses then went down the mountain. Moses saw the people worship the calf. He became very angry. He threw down the stone tablets of the law. He broke them on the ground. Moses ground the golden calf into powder. He threw the powder into the water. He made the people drink the water. Then he called the people. He said, “Who is on the Lord’s side?” He told the people on the Lord’s side to kill the others. About three thousand people were killed. Then Moses asked God to forgive the people. He even told God, “Take my name out of Your book if You cannot forgive the people.” Moses was a mediator. Jesus asks God to forgive us. Jesus is our Mediator.

Moses set up his tent outside the camp. It was there that Moses talked with God. God showed Moses His glory. God told Moses to make two new tablets of stone. God wrote the Ten Commandments on these tablets. God did something even greater. God renewed the covenant. He again promised He would be the God of Israel. He promised that Israel would be His people. God was merciful. He forgave the sins of the people. God said He would punish the sins of those who forsook Him.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Someone who speaks for others or goes between is a (mediator – prophet).
2. (Aaron – Moses) spoke to God for the children of Israel.

3. The children of Israel were very sinful when they worshipped a golden (calf- eagle).
4. God forgave the people and renewed the (sacrifices – covenant).
5. Our Mediator who asks God to forgive us is (Jesus Christ – Moses).

God's Dwelling Place

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 43

Scripture: Exodus 25–31, 35–40

Memory Verse: “And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.” (2 Corinthians 6:16a)

Lesson Truth: God living in the tabernacle pointed to the time when Christ Jesus would live in the hearts of believers.

Lesson

God gave His people the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments were called the law of the covenant. Moses read this law to the people. The people said, “All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient.” God loved His people. First he gave them His law. Now He said he would live in their camp. He would live in the tabernacle. God told Moses to come on the mountain. He talked to Moses on the Mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days. God told Moses how the tabernacle must be built.

These are the things God told Moses. He told Moses to ask the people to bring an offering. The offering could be gold, silver and bronze. It could also be materials and precious stones. All these things would be used to build the tabernacle. The people brought so many things. Moses told them not to bring any more. The people wanted the tabernacle. They wanted God to live in their camp.

God told Moses the measurements of tabernacle. He told Moses what furniture must be in the tabernacle. The tabernacle was to be a tent. A tent could be carried when the people traveled. The tabernacle would have two parts. The front part would be the largest. It would be called the Holy Place. The Holy Place would have three pieces of furniture. The Golden Lampstand was there. It had seven candles for light. The people were to remember that they were a light in the world. The Table of Showbread was

there. This table had bread and wine on it. The people had to remember that God gave them their food and drink. The altar of incense was also in the holy place. This altar had the smell of incense rise from it. This helped the people remember that the prayers of the priests would rise to God. The priests were allowed in the holy place each day.

The back part of the tabernacle was the holy of holies. The holy of holies had only one piece of furniture. This was the ark of the testimony. This was a chest where the law on the stone tablets was placed. The cover of this chest was made of pure gold. This cover was called the mercy seat. Standing on the mercy seat were two angel figures. They were called cherubim. This was a beautiful picture of the Lord Jesus. The mercy seat was between the law and the angels. That is the way the Lord Jesus is between God's law and God's people. Jesus in mercy saves us from the law we cannot keep.

Only the high priest could come into the holy of holies. He could come in only once each year. This was on the great Day of Atonement. On the Day of Atonement he would sprinkle blood on the mercy seat. This pointed to the blood of Jesus shed on the cross. Jesus blood paid for the mercy we need.

God lived with His people in the tabernacle. It pointed to the coming of Jesus. Jesus came to live with His people. He lives in their hearts.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. God told Moses the instructions to build a (temple – tabernacle).
2. The front part of the tabernacle was called (the holy place – the holy of holies).
3. The back part of the tabernacle was called (the holy place – the holy of holies).

4. The cover of the ark of the testimony was called (the mercy seat – the cherubim).

5. God living in the tabernacle pointed to the coming of (Jesus – Moses) to live with His people.

Consecrated to God

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 44

Scripture: Leviticus 8:1–10:7

Memory Verse: “And all the congregation drew near and stood before the Lord.” (Leviticus 9:5b)

Lesson Truth: Moses anointed the priests and the tabernacle to set them apart for the work of the Lord.

Lesson

God wanted to live with His people. He told Moses to build a tabernacle. God would be in the tabernacle. God was in the most holy place. Now God wanted special men to serve in the tabernacle. God told Moses to set some men apart. These men were called priests. The priests would offer sacrifices for the sins of the people. Moses also set apart the tabernacle for service to the Lord. A word that means to set apart is consecrate.

How did Moses consecrate the priests and the tabernacle? He did this by anointing them with oil. Moses did what the Lord told him to do. He anointed the priests and the clothes they wore in the tabernacle. Anointing meant that Moses poured oil on the priests’ heads. It meant that he sprinkled oil and blood on their clothes.

Moses anointed the priests on a very special day. God told Moses to call all the people together. He called the people to come to the tabernacle. God told Moses to anoint Aaron and his sons as priests. He had Aaron and his sons stand in front of the sanctuary. Moses washed them with water. Aaron and his sons had to be made clean.

Then Moses put the priest’s clothes on Aaron. He put on a white robe. Over the robe he put a blue garment called the ephod. He also put on the

breastplate. The breastplate had two beautiful stones in it. On Aaron's shoulders were beautiful stones. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel were on these stones. Aaron also wore pomegranates and bells. On his head Aaron wore a turban. The turban had a golden plate on it. On the golden plate were the words, "Holy to the Lord." All these special clothes pointed the people to God.

Aaron's bells tinkled when he walked. That way God's Word rings out from heaven. Aaron carried the names of the tribes into the tabernacle. In that way Jesus carries our names to God. Jesus paid for our sins. He asks God to forgive us. Jesus is our great High Priest. He consecrates us to God.

Moses then told Aaron to offer his first sacrifice. Aaron was the first high priest. This was the first time he offered a sacrifice to consecrate the people. This was the first time he lifted up his hands to bless the people. The Lord liked Aaron's sacrifice. A fire from the Lord burned it up. Now the people knew Aaron was the high priest. They shouted for joy. They even put their face on the ground.

Then a terrible thing happened. Aaron's sons did a bad thing. His sons were Nadab and Abihu. They offered incense to the Lord in a way that was against His command. A fire came out from the Lord and burned them up. The fire burned them up because they did not treat God as a Holy God. Who was good enough to be a priest? Only the Lord Jesus Christ was good enough. He is our great High Priest. Aaron and his other sons could only be worthy in Jesus.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. God told Moses to set some men apart to be (priests – prophets).
2. Moses set these men apart by (baptizing – anointing) them.

3. Aaron carried the names of the twelve tribes of Israel on his (shoulder – arm).
4. (Aaron – Jesus) carries our names to God and asks him to forgive us.
5. Nadab and Abihu were burned up because they did not treat God as a (Holy – Sinful) God.

Israel's Calling

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 45

Scripture: Numbers 9:15–10:36

Memory Verse: “In the daytime also He led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.” (Psalm 78:14)

Lesson Truth: God called Israel to go to Canaan. On their journey the Angel of the Lord led them.

Lesson

God had given the law to Israel. God said he would live in Israel's camp. He would be with them in the tabernacle. Aaron and his sons were set apart as priests. Now God called Israel to begin their journey. They were to go to the land of Canaan. This was the land God promised to Abraham. God would lead them on their journey.

The nation of Israel was a great nation. It was one full year since they left Egypt. The people remembered the Passover. They remembered the night the firstborn in Egypt died. They knew they were a special people. God would one day bring them to Canaan. But how could they travel through the wilderness? Who would take care of them? The children of Israel had to learn to trust God.

God did a wonderful thing. He told His people to begin the journey. He would go with them. He would go with them in a special way. The Angel of the Lord would be in a cloud. The cloud would be over the tabernacle. At night the cloud would look like fire. God's people had to watch the cloud. Sometimes the cloud would lift up from the tabernacle. If the cloud was lifted up the people had to march. If the cloud rested on the tabernacle they had to stop. The cloud and the fire were a sign from the Lord.

God was leading His people. He told Moses to make two silver trumpets. The trumpets were used to call the people. If the priests blew both trumpets

all the people had to gather at the tabernacle. If they blew just one trumpet the leaders had to gather at the tabernacle. The trumpets were also used to tell the people when to march. God led His people. He led them with a cloud. He led them with fire. He led them with trumpets. God leads us today. He leads us when the pastor preaches. He leads us in church on Sunday.

Sometimes the cloud would lift from the tabernacle. Then the people would travel. They would travel in a special order. The Ark of the Covenant went first. Three tribes followed the ark. Levites then followed carrying the tabernacle. Three more tribes came after the tabernacle. Then more Levites came carrying the furniture of the tabernacle. Behind them followed other tribes. This order was to keep the tabernacle safe. The tabernacle was the place where God lived. How thankful we must be! Today God lives in the hearts of His people. He sent His Holy Spirit to live in our hearts.

The cloud lifted. The trumpets told the people to march. They marched only three days. The cloud rested on the tabernacle. They went from one wilderness to another. They went from Sinai to Paran. When the ark set out Moses would speak. He would ask the Lord to scatter His enemies. He would ask the Lord to make His enemies flee. When the ark would rest Moses would speak again. He would ask the Lord to return to God's people. God called His people. He led His people with a cloud and fire. God leads us today by His Holy Spirit.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The Lord sent a cloud to cover the (tabernacle – temple).
2. At night the cloud looked like a (light – fire).
3. When the cloud (lifted – rested) above the tabernacle the people marched.

4. When the ark set out Moses would ask the Lord to (bless – scatter) His enemies.

5. When the ark rested (Moses – Aaron) would ask the Lord to return to His people.

For His Own Sake

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 46

Scripture: Numbers 11

Memory Verse: “And they tested God in their heart by asking for the food of their fancy.” (Psalm 78:18)

Lesson Truth: The children of Israel complained against God in the wilderness. The Lord forgave them to honor His own name.

Lesson

The children of Israel left Sinai. They marched three days. They came to Paran. Paran was a wilderness. At Paran they complained. The people complained against God. It is wicked to complain against God. The Lord was very angry. The Lord was angry that the people complained.

The Lord sent a fire to the camp. The fire burned some tents. The fire burned some people. The people cried out to Moses. They cried out because of the fire. Moses prayed to the Lord. He asked the Lord to stop the fire. The Lord heard Moses. He stopped the fire. Moses talked to the Lord for the people. Moses was a mediator.

Strange people lived among the Israelites. These people were not children of Israel. They talked about Egypt. They talked about the food they ate in Egypt. They wanted food just like they had in Egypt. God’s people listened to the strangers. God’s people wanted fancy food too. It was wicked to complain about manna. God gave His people manna.

Moses heard the people complain. He heard them cry. They cried because they wanted fancy food. Moses felt very bad. He asked the Lord some questions. He asked why he had to lead these wicked people. He asked why he had to care for them. Moses told the Lord it was too hard to lead the

people. It was too hard because they complained. It was too hard because they were very wicked. Moses told the Lord to let him die. He said he would rather die than lead such wicked people. We must be thankful that Jesus speaks to God for us. Moses failed, but Jesus never fails.

The Lord heard Moses. He told Moses He would help him. He told Moses to find seventy men. The seventy men should be elders. The Lord said these men would help Moses. The Lord would give these men a Spirit like Moses' Spirit. These men would help Moses care for the wicked people.

The Lord told Moses He would send meat for the People. The Lord would send quail for meat. The Lord would send enough meat for a month. But the Lord was angry. The Lord was angry because the people were not thankful. He sent a terrible plague. Many people died because of the plague. All the people who cried for fancy food from Egypt died. The Lord wants us to be thankful. He must be thankful because He cares for us.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The Lord sent a (fire – wind) to destroy some of the people when they complained.
2. (Aaron – Moses) prayed to the Lord for the people.
3. (Moses – Aaron) said he would rather die than lead such wicked people.
4. The Lord told Moses to find (forty – seventy) elders to help him lead the people.
5. The Lord gave the elders a Spirit like the Spirit of (Moses – Aaron).

Illegitimate Honor

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 47

Scripture: Numbers 12

Memory Verse: “So Moses cried out to the Lord saying, ‘Please heal her, O God, I pray.’” (Numbers 12:13)

Lesson Truth: Moses was called by God to lead the children of Israel. He was faithful to that call even when Miriam and Aaron spoke against him.

Lesson

God called Moses to lead His people. He led them even when they complained. He was a humble servant. He was faithful to God. Moses had a sister Miriam. He had a brother Aaron. They were not faithful. They did not like the tasks God gave them. They wanted to be like Moses. Miriam and Aaron did a sinful thing. They spoke against Moses.

The children of Israel were camped. They were camped at Hazeroth. At Hazeroth Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses. They were proud. They wanted to lead the people like Moses did. They wanted the people to honor them. They forgot that honor comes from God. They forgot that a prophet never brags about his gifts.

Miriam wasn't happy. She was jealous of Moses. She wanted to be honored like he was. She got Aaron to join her. They thought Moses did wrong. Moses married a woman from Ethiopia. But this was not wrong. They thought bad thoughts. They thought, “Who does Moses think he is?” They asked, “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?” They thought we are a Prophetess and a priest. God speaks to us as well as to Moses. This was not true. These were wicked thoughts.

God heard what Miriam and Aaron said. The Lord was not pleased with them. The Lord told Moses to bring Aaron and Miriam to the tabernacle. The Lord met them at the door of the tabernacle. He was in a cloud. He spoke to Miriam and Aaron. He told them He spoke to prophets in visions and dreams. But that is not the way He spoke to Moses. Moses was a faithful servant. He spoke to Moses face to face. He spoke to Moses just like a friend talks to a friend.

God asked Miriam and Aaron a question. He asked why weren't you afraid to speak against Moses? Moses is My faithful servant. The Lord was angry with Miriam and Aaron. The Lord left the tabernacle. The cloud left the door of the tabernacle. Then Miriam became a leper. Her skin was as white as snow. God gave her a terrible disease. This disease made her leave the camp. Instead of honor she was given shame. Miriam had to know her sin. She must know it is wicked to speak against God's faithful servant.

Aaron was afraid. He asked Moses not to remember their sin. He told Moses that he and Miriam were foolish. Moses then prayed to the Lord. Moses asked the Lord to heal Miriam. The Lord said Miriam would be healed. She would live in shame for seven days. Then she would be healed. Moses spoke as a mediator. She was healed by Jesus blood. Jesus is our Mediator. He speaks to God for you and me. We can be healed by Jesus blood.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Miriam and Aaron spoke against (Moses – Jethro).
2. God told Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to meet at the (temple – tabernacle).
3. The Lord came to the door of the tabernacle in a (fire – cloud).

4. The Lord asked Miriam and Aaron why they were not afraid to speak against (Moses – Hazereth).

5. (Aaron – Miriam) became a leper because of speaking against Moses, the Lord's servant?

Light Shining in the Darkness

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 48

Scripture: Numbers 13–14

Memory Verse: “And He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them.” (Psalm 78:38a)

Lesson Truth: The children of Israel lived in the darkness of unbelief. Into this darkness the Lord came with the light of His mercy.

Lesson

This is the story of a journey. It is the journey of the children of Israel. They were on the way to Canaan. They came to the border of Canaan. They came to Kadesh-barnea. The Lord told Moses to send men to spy out Canaan. Moses chose twelve men to be spies. He chose one man from each tribe of Israel. The story of the spies is a story of unbelief. It is a story of God’s light of mercy. God’s mercy came into the darkness of unbelief.

Moses sent twelve spies into Canaan. They were to find out if Canaan was rich or poor. They were to find out if the people were strong or weak. They had to find out if the land was good for crops. The spies stayed in Canaan for forty days. Then they came back to Kadesh. They gave their report about Canaan. Ten spies gave a bad report. Two spies gave a good report. Ten spies lived in unbelief. Two spies were faithful.

The ten spies said the cities had high walls. They said there were giants in Canaan. The spies looked like grasshoppers next to the big giants. They were afraid. They did not remember what God did in Egypt. They did not believe God would go with them into Canaan. They said we are not able to go up against the people of Canaan. They said the people of Canaan are stronger than they were. They lived in the darkness of unbelief.

Joshua and Caleb were not afraid. They were faithful spies. They believed God would go with them. They remembered what God did in Egypt. They

said, “Let us go at once and take possession of Canaan.” They said we are able to overcome the giants.

How sad that the people did not believe God’s promises. They believed the report of the ten spies. They were afraid. They even turned against Moses. They wanted to find a new leader. A new leader might lead them back to Egypt. They said God brought them to the wilderness to destroy them. This was very wicked. They did not remember the great things God did in Egypt.

God told Moses the people rejected Him. He even thought to destroy the people. Then Moses pleaded for the people. He asked God to pardon their sins. Moses was a mediator once again. God said he would hear Moses’ prayer. He would pardon the peoples sins. Yet they would be punished. They would not be able to go to the Promised Land. They forgot the signs God did in Egypt. They lived in the darkness of unbelief.

Only two people older than twenty years would go to Canaan. They were Joshua and Caleb. They believed God. They remembered God’s promises. God showed His people the light of His mercy. God would allow the children under twenty to go to Canaan. The Promised Land would belong to them when they were older.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The Lord told Moses to send twelve spies to the land of (Canaan – Kadesh).
2. (Eight – ten) spies were afraid and gave a bad report.
3. (Two – Four) spies believed God’s promises and gave a good report.

4. The mediator who prayed to God for the people was (Aaron – Moses).

5. God showed the people the light of His (mercy – anger) when He said the people under twenty would go to Canaan.