

THE GREATEST MAN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT
(MOSES)

I. BACKGROUND

A. Political Conditions:

1. Israel came from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob-
2. 12 sons became the 12 Tribes
3. Hundreds of years in slavery in Egypt
4. Male babies killed to keep slave population down

B. Social Conditions:

1. Egypt was wealthy, highly educated
2. Israel enslaved, taught themselves
3. Moses knew both conditions

C. Religious Conditions:

1. Egypt had an elaborate religious system of idols
2. Israel was ignorant of the deeper knowledge of God

II. THE MAN

A. His Life:

1. Born to slave parents
2. Adopted into Pharaoh's family
3. Educated in Egypt's finest institutions
4. Chose to return to own family
5. Had to flee Egypt
6. 40 years spent in desert, gained wife, family
7. Found God, was commanded to return to Egypt and deliver Israel
8. Leads Israel out of slavery, receives laws from God
9. For 40 years teaches Israel God's ways while in the wilderness
10. Dies without entering the Promised Land

B. Equipment for the Task:

1. Early childhood in Godly home
2. Experienced both slavery and freedom
3. Educated in Egypt's finest institutions
4. Learned from hardships in the desert (40 yrs.)
5. Had a wise Father-in-Law
6. Personal experience with God on Mt. Sinai
7. Knew the wilderness Israel was to travel through
8. Knew God called him to lead Israel to Canaan

C. His Personality:

1. Physically strong, attractive
2. Unselfish
3. Devoted to God's will

D. His Religion:

1. Taught by God Himself
2. Taught Israel on foundation laid by Abraham, Jacob
3. Learned that God had a purpose for Israel and would work His will in His own time
4. Learned that God was highly moral and expected Israel to be also
5. Learned God kept His work and expected Israel to do so also

E. His Value:

1. No other O.T. prophet has added any new doctrine to what Moses has given
2. Moses freed Israel and began to form them into a nation
3. Moses was the best teacher in the O.T.
4. Moses gave the world a set of Laws that are still being used

LESSONS FROM LIFE OF MOSES:

1. Godly training at early age is valuable.
2. It is futile to try to run ahead of God.
3. Excuses anger God.
4. God called people will be held in strict account.
5. When God calls, God enables.
6. Are able to see selves as God sees us, only after long hours with God.
7. When God commands us to go - He goes first.
8. A chief mark of a great person is unselfishness.
9. God may take a long time to prepare one for a task.
10. Keep our faith in God up - for a great experience may be just around the corner.