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**A study of the book of Exodus for
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Introduction

This is a small group Bible study course to help you grow in your understanding of the book of Exodus. This study will be most effective as you get together with a small group to share the answers that each of you have written in your personal study. This can also be used as a personal study course to help you grow in your understanding of the book of Exodus. This course is designed to help you grow in three ways. Throughout the course, you will read a paragraph to help you grow in your knowledge of the verses you will be reading. After each paragraph, you will usually have three questions. The questions will focus on three things: Knowledge, Understanding and Application.

The first question will ask you to find the answer in the verses that you are reading. This question is to help you pick out a key fact in those verses to help you grow in your knowledge of those verses. The answer to this question will usually be found in the verses as you read them.

The second question will ask you a question that will help you to think through the verses to understand the meaning of the group of verses being discussed. As you read this question, pray that the Lord will give you understanding of the passage as well as knowledge of the facts.

The third question will help you to apply what you have learned from those verses both to your own life and to your service for Christ. It is as we understand and apply the Scripture to our lives that the Lord really begins to change and transform our lives.

At the end of each lesson, there will be an opportunity to write down something you have learned for your own life through the study of those verses. Our prayer is that as you work through these lessons, three things will happen in your life:

First, you will grow in your knowledge of the Bible.

Second, you will grow in your understanding of the verses you have studied.

Third, you will learn how to apply the Word of God to your life.

The basic material in each of these lessons was originally communicated in one of six Bible Survey texts written between 1969 and 1974 that cover the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We are making this material available in this new form to help you grow in your knowledge, understanding and application of the Bible to your life. The Lord willing, we will continue to make other books available as we have time to prepare them in this new form.

May the Lord bless you as you learn His Word.

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Lesson 1
Exodus 1:1-3:22

The last few verses of the book of Genesis conclude by talking about the death of Joseph. After the death of Joseph, the kings of Egypt did not bother the descendants of Israel for a period of time. However, one day a new king became the ruler of Egypt. This king realized that the people of Israel were becoming a very powerful group of people. The king decided that their growth must be stopped or the people of Israel would become more powerful than the Egyptians. We are going to see that God had not forgotten His people in Egypt. Instead, God was going to work to deliver them from the Egyptians and the suffering that they caused to the Israelites.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what happened when a new king began to rule in Egypt.
- Explain how the Lord protected Moses.
- Explain what happened when Moses tried to stop the Egyptians from mistreating the people of Israel by his own efforts.
- Explain how God called Moses to serve Him.

Joseph had been a great leader in Egypt. He had saved the lives of many people by helping the Egyptians prepare for a famine. His family also came to Egypt because of the famine. At the time the family came to Egypt, there were only seventy people who came with Jacob plus the family of Joseph who was already in Egypt. After the family of Jacob reached Egypt, they began to grow and multiply. By the time of the birth of Moses, the people had been multiplying in Egypt for about 350 years. During that period, they became a very strong group or nation of people. In fact, we read that the land of Egypt was filled with the people of Israel. It was during this time that a new king arose in Egypt.

1. Read Exodus 1:1-22 and write what we are told about this new king.
2. Explain why God had blessed the descendants of Jacob (Israel) and caused them to multiply in the land of Egypt.
3. Explain why you think that God caused the descendants of Jacob to become a great nation while they were in the land of Egypt.

This new king was afraid of the children of Israel. He realized that the children of Israel were becoming more powerful than the Egyptians. The king was afraid that the children of Israel might join with an enemy and destroy the Egyptians. As a result, the king of Egypt forced the children of Israel to become slaves. They were forced to work very hard for the Egyptians. They were forced to build treasure cities for the Pharaoh. They were forced to work hard in the fields of the Egyptians. However, the number of Israelites continued to grow. The Lord was blessing them because they were His chosen people. Nothing that the king did could stop their growth.

4. Read Exodus 1:1-22 and write how the Egyptians made the children of Israel work.
5. Explain why leaders like Pharaoh become controlled by fear when they depend on themselves instead of trusting God.
6. Explain why you think that there have been many times in your own life when you have been driven by fear instead of being led by the love of Christ.

It did not matter how much the Egyptians persecuted the children of Israel. The number of Israelites continued to grow. Then, the king of Egypt ordered the women who delivered the babies for the Israelites (Hebrews) to kill all of the baby boys as soon as they were born.

However, the women had their trust in God and they did not obey the commandment of the king. As a result, the baby boys of the Israelites continued to live. One day, the king of Egypt called for the midwives. He asked them why they had not killed the baby boys.

7. Read Exodus 1:1-22 and write what the midwives answered the king.

8. Explain why these midwives did not obey Pharaoh and kill the male children that were born to the Israelites.

9. Explain why you think that the most important thing that you can do is trust God and obey what He tells you to do in His Word, the Bible.

Many people have wondered whether the midwives told the truth. The midwives did save the male children and keep them alive and did not kill them as they were born. Here, we see that they recognized that God highly values every single life. Since God rewarded the midwives, we can be sure they were telling the truth because God does not reward sin. It is possible that the hard slave labor made the muscles of the women stronger so that they had their babies faster. In addition, many of the women probably waited to call for a midwife until the last possible moment because of the order of Pharaoh. Whatever the reason, we see that God was protecting His people.

10. Read Exodus 1:1-22 and write what Pharaoh then told the Egyptians to do when they saw that an Israelite had a baby boy.

11. Explain why you think that the children of Israel increased so rapidly.

12. Explain why it is important to you in your own life that you trust God and tell the truth when you are faced with difficult situations like the midwives faced.

When the king saw that the midwives would not kill the male babies, Pharaoh ordered the Egyptians to kill any baby Israelite boy that they saw. Here, we see that Pharaoh was so fearful of the Israelites that he commanded his own people to start murdering the Israelite baby boys to keep them from continuing to multiply. One day, a family from the tribe of Levi had a baby boy. They saw that he was a beautiful baby and they wanted to protect him from the Egyptians. They were able to hide and protect him for three months. As his cries became louder, the parents realized that the day would soon come when one of the Egyptians would hear the baby cry.

13. Read Exodus 2:1-10 and write what the family made in order to hide the baby from the Egyptians.

14. Explain why the Lord led this couple to find a way to protect their son from the command of the king.

15. Explain why it is important in your own life to ask the Lord to guide you when you are facing difficult situations instead of trying to solve your problems in your own way.

Bulrushes were the reeds that grew in the shallow water along the banks of the river. These bulrushes were used to make baskets. The parents made a basket large enough for their baby. Then, they covered it with pitch so that no water would leak into it. The parents then hid the basket in some reeds along the bank of the river. An older sister was told to watch the basket. Soon, the daughter of Pharaoh and some of her servants came walking along the edge of the river. She saw the basket out in the reeds and sent a servant to get the basket.

16. Read Exodus 2:1-10 and write how the daughter of Pharaoh felt when she saw the baby crying in the basket.

17. Explain why you think that the parents placed this ark with their boy in a place where they knew that the daughter of Pharaoh would probably find it.

18. Explain what these verses show you about the fact that God can work in many different ways to accomplish His purposes.

When the sister of the baby saw that the daughter of Pharaoh felt sorry for the baby, the sister asked the daughter of Pharaoh if she wanted her to get a Hebrew woman to nurse and care for

the child. The daughter of Pharaoh agreed and Miriam went and got the mother of the baby to care for him. Instead of killing the baby, the daughter of Pharaoh offered to pay wages to the mother of the baby so that the mother would raise the child for her. The daughter of Pharaoh named the baby Moses. As a result, Moses became the grandson of Pharaoh. This meant that he also received the best education that was available in the world at that time.

19. Read Exodus 2:1-10 and write what the name Moses means.

20. Explain how the Lord protected Moses and also prepared him to write the first five books of the Old Testament.

21. Explain what lessons these verses teach you about the fact that God can turn around the plans of evil men like Pharaoh.

When Moses was forty years old, he decided to see what was happening to the people of Israel. The first thing that he saw was an Egyptian beating an Israelite. Moses decided to take care of the Egyptian in his own way and so he killed him and became a murderer. This is what happens when men trust their own strength instead of asking God to guide and direct them. The next day Moses went out again to see what was happening to the Israelites. This time, he saw two Israelites fighting. Moses asked them why they were fighting. The one that was doing wrong thought that Moses was going to kill him also.

22. Read Exodus 2:11-25 and write what Pharaoh decided to do to Moses when he heard that Moses had killed an Egyptian.

23. Explain why Moses could not solve the problems of the Israelites as long as he tried to do it in his own way.

24. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to ask the Lord to guide and lead you instead of trying to solve your problems in your own strength.

Because Moses had tried to solve the problem in his own way instead of asking God to guide and help him, he was forced to flee to the desert so that Pharaoh would not kill him. He had spent forty years in the palace of Pharaoh learning all of the wisdom of Egypt but that did not prepare him to lead his people. Now, Moses was going to spend forty more years in the desert learning to depend on God instead of trying to do things in his own strength. Moses went to a part of the desert called Midian. There he helped the daughters of the priest of Midian water their flocks because they had no one to help them. As a result, the priest of Midian invited Moses to work for him. The priest of Midian also gave Moses one of his daughters to be the wife of Moses.

25. Read Exodus 2:11-25 and write the name of the wife of Moses.

26. Explain why it was necessary for God to take Moses out into the desert for forty years in order to prepare Moses to be effective when he led Israel out of Egypt.

27. Explain why it is important in your own life to allow God to lead you to the places where he can teach you the lessons that you need to learn to glorify Him.

While Moses lived in the desert, a son was born. Moses called the name of his son, Gershom. Meanwhile the Israelites were experiencing much suffering in the land of Egypt. Finally, the king of Egypt who had tried to kill Moses died. However, another king arose who was just as cruel and evil. Just because the people were suffering, that did not mean that God had forgotten them. God knew that they had to experience suffering in Egypt or the people would never leave Egypt if they felt that life was easy in Egypt. Here, we see that God knew that suffering was important for the people of Israel or they would have been satisfied to live as slaves in Egypt rather than following the Lord to the land that He had promised to Abraham more than 400 years earlier.

28. Read Exodus 2:11-25 and write what God remembered as He heard the groaning of the people of Israel in Egypt.

29. Explain why it was necessary for Israel to have this period of suffering before they would be ready to leave Egypt.

30. Explain why you think that God allows Christians to suffer today.

One day, Moses was caring for the sheep of Jethro, his father-in-law. Moses came to the west side of the desert to a mountain called Horeb (also called Sinai). As Moses was at Horeb, he suddenly saw a bush begin to burn. However, the bush was not destroyed by the fire even though it continued to burn. This was so unusual that Moses stopped to watch the bush as it burned and was not destroyed. Then, God called to Moses from the burning bush. When Moses answered God, God told Moses to take off his shoes. God said that He was the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. This caused Moses to be filled with fear.

31. Read Exodus 3:1-22 and write why Moses was told to take off his shoes.

32. Explain why God called the place where Moses was standing holy ground.

33. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to realize that you are standing on holy ground as you meet with God and talk to Him in prayer.

Moses was filled with fear when he realized that he was speaking to God. Then, God began telling Moses why He was speaking to him. God said that He had seen the suffering of the children of Israel in Egypt. God said that He had heard their cries. Then, God said that He was preparing to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt and take them to the wonderful land that He had promised to Abraham several hundred years before. God said that He was going to use Moses to lead His people out of Egypt. God also promised that He would be with Moses.

34. Read Exodus 3:1-22 and write what God said the people were to do when they reached Mount Horeb.

35. Explain why realizing that he was talking to God caused Moses to be filled with fear.

36. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from the fact that God knows and understands your suffering.

Then, Moses asked God a question. He asked who he should tell the leaders of the people of Israel had sent him to them. God said to tell the leaders that “I AM THAT I AM” had sent him. Here, we see the fact that God emphasized the fact that He is the One that has always existed. Moses was told to go and tell the leaders of Israel that God had appeared to him. It had been a long time since God had appeared to any of the men of Israel. Many of the leaders probably felt that God had forgotten them in Egypt.

37. Read Exodus 3:1-22 and write what kind of a land Moses was to tell the leaders that God would bring them.

38. Explain why God told Moses to tell that leaders of Israel that He is the “I AM”.

39. Explain why it is important in your own life to realize that God has always existed.

God also told Moses that the king of Egypt would not listen to him. As a result, God said that He would do great signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. God said He would do these signs and wonders to cause the king of Egypt to let the people go. These signs and wonders would also cause the Egyptians to realize that God was with the people of Israel. Most important of all the Israelites would realize that God had not forgotten them. They would see His power and realize that He could deliver them from the Egyptians. In fact, the Egyptians would be anxious for them to leave and would even give their riches to the Israelites in order to get rid of them.

40. Read Exodus 3:1-22 and write how the Israelites would go when they left Egypt.

41. Explain why the Lord warned Moses in advance that Pharaoh would not listen to him when he went to Egypt.

42. Explain why it is important to you to be reminded that God will never forget you in your times of testing.

Now, reread Exodus 1:1-3:22 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned for your life from these chapters.

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Lesson 2
Exodus 4:1-6:30

Moses had ended up living in the desert because he had tried to free the people of Israel from the Egyptians in his own way. God allowed Moses to remain in the desert for forty years to prepare him for the work that God wanted him to do. Here, we see that God is very patient as He prepares people to serve Him. After forty years, God spoke to Moses and told him to return to Egypt and lead the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. In our lesson today, we will learn how Pharaoh, the ruler in Egypt, felt about freeing the children of Israel.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain why Moses said that he could not lead the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.
- Explain why the Lord tried to kill Moses.
- Explain how Pharaoh felt about letting the Israelites leave Egypt.
- Explain how the Lord encouraged Moses.

When God spoke to Moses and told Moses that he was to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, Moses made several excuses. Today, we sometimes do the same thing. When the Lord tells us to do something, we immediately begin to make excuses. The first excuse of Moses was that the people would not believe him. This is often the same excuse that we give to God when God puts us in a situation where we have the opportunity to speak for Him. We say that people will not listen to us so why should we speak to them. When God gives us the opportunity to speak for Him, He will be the One that will cause others to listen. Our responsibility is to be obedient and share what the Lord has told us to speak.

1. Read Exodus 4:1-17 and write what God caused the rod of Moses to become.
2. Explain why you think that Moses made the excuse that the people would not believe him.
3. Explain why it is sometimes easy to make excuses in your own life when you feel that Christ is leading you to do certain things.

The Lord gave Moses three physical signs to show the people of Israel that he spoke for God. First, his rod became a snake. Then, his hand became leprous when he put it next to his chest. The third sign was to take water from the river and pour it on the ground. God said that the water would become blood when Moses poured it on the ground. Then, Moses gave a second excuse. Moses said that he could not speak very well. Moses said that he was a slow speaker. God answered that he would put the words in the mouth of Moses so that he would know what to say.

4. Read Exodus 4:1-17 and write who God said would speak for Moses when Moses kept making the excuse that he could not speak.
5. Explain why many Christians use the excuse that they cannot speak when the Lord asks them to share the Word of God with others.
6. Explain why you can trust the Lord to give you the words to speak if you will be obedient and share the message of Christ with others.

The real problem for Moses was the same thing that is often our problem. Moses was unwilling to do what God wanted him to do. Many times, we do not have the privilege of being used by the Lord because we are unwilling to be used by the Lord. God finally promised Moses that He would speak to Moses and Moses could speak to Aaron. Then, Aaron would speak to the people and to Pharaoh. Finally, Moses could think of no more excuses and so he agreed to do what God was telling him to do.

7. Read Exodus 4:1-17 and write what Moses was to take in his hand.
8. Explain why you think that some Christians are unwilling to work for the Lord just as Moses was unwilling to do the work of the Lord at first.
9. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to pray and ask the Lord to give you His courage to serve Him when you feel inadequate or unwilling to serve.

After Moses agreed to do what the Lord told him to do, Moses went and told his father-in-law. Jethro agreed to let Moses go. God also told Moses that all those who had wanted to kill him had died. Then, Moses took his family and started toward Egypt. As Moses was on his way to Egypt, God spoke to him again. God reminded him that Pharaoh would harden his heart and would not let the people go. God said that the oldest son of Pharaoh would be killed if Pharaoh continued to refuse to let the people of Israel leave Egypt. In fact, God knew that Pharaoh would not allow the people of Israel to leave Egypt and go to the land of Canaan.

10. Read Exodus 4:18-31 and write what happened to Moses at an inn that night.
11. Explain why it was important for Moses to know that all those who wanted to kill him had died.
12. Explain why you think that God warned Moses in advance that Pharaoh would harden his heart and not let the people go.

Many people wonder why the Lord tried to kill Moses. The answer is given in the next few verses. The Lord had told Abraham that he and all of his family that came from him were to circumcise their sons to remind them of the promises of God. Moses had been disobedient and had failed to circumcise his son. Now it was necessary for him to be obedient to the command of the Lord before he would be an effective leader for the Lord. If we are going to be effective in our service for the Lord, we must also be obedient. We cannot live in sin and expect to be effective leaders for the Lord.

13. Read Exodus 4:18-31 and write who came to meet Moses in the wilderness.
14. Explain why the response of Zipporah when she circumcised their son shows that Moses and Zipporah had earlier had a conflict about circumcising their son.
15. Explain why you think that many Christians fail to do the will of the Lord because they are afraid of conflict with others.

God had also spoken to Aaron and told him to go and meet Moses. When the two met, Moses told Aaron all of the words that God had spoken to him. Then, he told Aaron about the signs that God had given him to show that he spoke for God. Moses and Aaron then went together and gathered all of the leaders of the children of Israel together. When the leaders of Israel were gathered together, Aaron spoke the words and showed the signs that God had given to Moses. As a result, the people believed and realized that God had not forgotten His people.

16. Read Exodus 4:18-31 and write what the people did when they heard that the Lord had looked on them in their affliction.
17. Explain why it was important for the leaders of Israel to realize that God had not forgotten His people.
18. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to know that Christ has promised that He will never forget you.

After Moses and Aaron had spoken to the leaders of Israel, Moses and Aaron went to speak to Pharaoh. They told Pharaoh that God had sent them to take the children out into the desert for a feast to God. Pharaoh replied that he did not know God and that he did not plan to let the people of Israel go and worship God. Here, we see that the first problem that Pharaoh had was that he did not know God. The second problem that he had was that he refused to listen to God. Today, there are many people like Pharaoh who will not listen to the Word of God. Pharaoh also said that Moses and Aaron were making the people lazy.

19. Read Exodus 5:1-23 and write what Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron to do.

20. Explain why Pharaoh gives us an example of the fact that people will not listen to God when they do not know God.
21. Explain why the way we listen to and obey God is directly related to how well we know God.

However, the fact that the people of Israel believed God did not mean that Pharaoh believed God. Instead of letting the people of Israel leave Egypt, Pharaoh made them work harder. The people now had to gather straw for the bricks that they were making. They also had to continue to make the same number of bricks. Here, we see that Pharaoh wanted to make the people work so hard that they did not even have time to talk to each other. The people had to go all over the land of Egypt in order to find straw. As a result, it became impossible to make as many bricks.

22. Read Exodus 5:1-23 and write what the Egyptian taskmasters did to the leaders of the children of Israel.
23. Explain why Pharaoh chose to show his rebellion against God by making the people work harder.
24. Explain why this helps you to understand the actions of people when they are in rebellion against God.

When the leaders of Israel were beaten by the Egyptians because they had not produced enough bricks, they went to Pharaoh and complained. Instead of listening to the leaders of Israel, Pharaoh accused them of being lazy. He told them that if they had time to offer sacrifices to God, they also had time to make the required amount of bricks even though they were required to find their own straw. The leaders of Israel quickly saw that Pharaoh was not going to give them any relief so they left the house of Pharaoh.

25. Read Exodus 5:1-23 and write who the leaders met as they left the house of Pharaoh.
26. Explain why Pharaoh refused to listen when the leaders of Israel told them that they could not make the required amount of bricks.
27. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to really listen if you want to help people instead of make them feel like Pharaoh made the leaders of Israel feel.

The leaders of Israel were very angry when they met Moses and Aaron. They felt that it was the fault of Moses and Aaron that they had been beaten. They said it looked like Pharaoh was about to kill them because of Moses. Moses knew that he needed help. We see that Moses knew who to ask for help when the leaders accused him of doing evil. Moses began to pray to the Lord and ask the Lord why all of these evil things were happening. Moses knew that the Lord would give him an answer.

28. Read Exodus 5:1-23 and write the two questions that Moses asked the Lord.
29. Explain why the hope that the leaders had received when they heard that God had remembered them quickly turned to blame of Moses and Aaron when they suffered.
30. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life about why it is so easy to blame others when you face problems.

The Lord immediately answered Moses and explained the reason why He had allowed these things to happen. God had allowed these things to happen so that God could show His power. God also spoke of the special relationship that He had with the children of Israel. This special relationship was shown by the name that He used. The people had used the name God Almighty many times which meant that God provided for their needs. However, God now emphasized the name that meant that God had a special covenant relationship with Israel.

31. Read Exodus 6:1-30 and write the name of God that the people of Israel had not previously known.
32. Explain why it is important to trust God so that He can complete His purposes even when we do not fully understand what is happening.
33. Explain why it is important as we grow as Christians that our prayers move beyond just

prayer for our needs to prayer that will help us to better understand our relationship with God. In His covenant with Abraham, God had promised to give the land of Canaan to the families of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Now, God had seen the terrible condition of His people in Egypt. As a result, God was now ready to bring His people out of their suffering and slavery to the land that He had promised to give them. When God makes a promise, we can be sure that He will never forget it. God always keeps His Word. This is why we know that we can put our faith in the promises that God has made to us. God will complete those promises exactly as He has spoken to us.

34. Read Exodus 6:1-30 and write what God said that the people of Israel would know when He brought them out of Egypt.

35. Explain why it is important to understand that God will never forget the promises that He makes.

36. Explain what things have helped your own faith to be strengthened so that you know that you can believe all of the promises of God.

After God had reminded Moses of all of the promises that He had made to Abraham, God said again that He would bring His people into their own land. However, the people were filled with sorrow and did not even listen when Moses told them what God had said. God also told Moses to go back and speak to Pharaoh. That was a very difficult place for Moses and Aaron to go. As Christians, we are sometimes sent right back to a difficult place to speak for Christ. Just like Moses, we can know that the Lord will be with us as we are obedient to Him.

37. Read Exodus 6:1-30 and write what Moses said when the Lord told him to go and speak to Pharaoh again.

38. Explain why it is possible for people to be so overwhelmed with the circumstances of life that they do not even listen when others try to encourage them with the Word of God.

39. Explain why the fact that people can be overwhelmed by the circumstances of life means that it is very important for you to be patient when people do not listen as you share the Word of God.

We are also given the names of the men that were the leaders of each of the tribes of Israel. This is followed by a list of the leaders of the tribe of Levi which was the tribe from which Moses came. Moses had been told to go and speak to Pharaoh but he did not know what to speak. Moses was just told that he was to speak what the Lord told Him to speak. We will learn in our next lesson what the Lord told Moses to speak. However, as Christians we can know that the Lord will give us the words to speak if we will depend on Him instead of ourselves. We have the Word of God in the Bible and if we pray and ask the Lord to give us guidance, He will lead us to the passages that He wants us to share with others.

40. Read Exodus 6:1-30 and write what the Lord told Moses to speak to Pharaoh.

41. Explain why it is important for Christians to ask the Lord for guidance about what words to share from the Word of God rather than just sharing their own words.

42. Explain why it is important to you to pray that the Lord will give you guidance about what to speak each time that He gives you the opportunity to speak for Him.

Now, reread Exodus 4:1-6:30 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

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Lesson 3
Exodus 7:1-8:32

We completed our last lesson by seeing that the Lord told Moses to go and speak to Pharaoh again. In our lesson today, we will see that Moses speaks to Pharaoh several times. Each time God told Moses to do certain things or to tell Pharaoh certain things. Each time Moses was obedient and the things that Moses had said would happen happened exactly as Moses had spoken them. This is a real example of the fact that we can always trust the Word of God. All things will happen exactly as God has spoken them.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what God told Moses about Pharaoh.
- Explain how God was working when the water turned to blood.
- Explain why the plague of frogs was the last miracle the Egyptians could duplicate.
- Explain how Pharaoh tried to make compromises with Moses.

God said that Moses would become like a god to Pharaoh because of the things that God would do through him. Pharaoh would look to him as a god because he could do miracles. However, we will see that the magicians of Pharaoh could imitate some of those miracles through the power of Satan. This is why many people can be deceived by the workers of Satan. When people refuse to believe in the true God, then they begin to look at other people as gods. Because Aaron would be speaking the things that Moses told him to speak, Pharaoh would feel that Aaron was the prophet of Moses. God told Moses to tell Pharaoh all of the things that God had told him. Today, God tells us that the entire Bible is profitable. That is why it is important to teach the entire Bible and not just a few verses here and there.

1. Read Exodus 7:1-13 and write what God said He would do to the heart of Pharaoh.
2. Explain why many people can be deceived by Satan when Satan gives his workers power to do certain miracles.
3. Explain why it is important for you to seek to do the will of God instead of seeking power to do miracles.

Some people use these verses to try and say that man is not responsible for his sins because it says that God hardened the heart of Pharaoh. However, we read that Pharaoh hardened his own heart several times before God began hardening his heart. Scripture teaches that every person is responsible for his or her own sins. God said that Pharaoh would not listen to Moses. Then, God said that He would use His armies to judge Egypt. The armies of God included such things as frogs, lice, flies and locusts. Here, we see that God has power over all things and can use them to complete His purposes.

4. Read Exodus 7:1-13 and write what God said the Egyptians would know by the time God finished sending His plagues on them.
5. Explain why people harden their own hearts many times before God ever starts hardening their hearts.
6. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to make certain that your heart is sensitive to the will of God and that you do not harden your heart.

We also see that Moses and Aaron were old men when they were called to lead Israel for the Lord. Moses was eighty years old and Aaron was eighty-three years old. Today, there are some Christians who say that they are too old to serve the Lord. Here, God shows us that no person is too old to serve the Lord. As long as a Christian is alive, the Lord can use him as long as he is willing to yield the control of his life to the Lord so that the Lord can work through

him. The only thing that keeps the Lord from using a Christian to carry out the work of the Lord is unwillingness to be obedient to the Lord.

7. Read Exodus 7:1-13 and write to whom Moses and Aaron went.

8. Explain why the Lord is able to use a person to do the work of the Lord regardless of the age of that person.

9. Explain why you are thankful that you can know that the Lord still has work for you to do as long as He gives you life on this earth.

God told Moses and Aaron to go and show their first sign to Pharaoh. When Moses and Aaron were in front of Pharaoh, Aaron threw his rod (walking stick) on the ground. Then, the rod became a snake. Pharaoh wanted to prove that he did not recognize the power of God. Pharaoh called his magicians to come and also make their rods become snakes. The magicians probably had some form of drug that would paralyze a snake until it was thrown against the ground. As a result, the magicians were able to imitate the miracle of Aaron and make their rods become snakes. However, God still showed His power.

10. Read Exodus 7:1-13 and write what the snake (rod) of Aaron did to the other snakes.

11. Explain why the Lord allowed the magicians of Pharaoh to imitate the first miracle of Aaron.

12. Explain why Moses and Aaron show you that it is important to do exactly what God says even when others reject what you say.

Pharaoh refused to listen to Moses and Aaron and so they left his house. Then, the Lord spoke to Moses and told him to speak to Pharaoh again the next morning. This time, Moses was to speak to Pharaoh when Pharaoh was down by the river. Again, Moses was to tell Pharaoh that God had said that the children of Israel were to be allowed to go out into the wilderness so that they could offer a sacrifice to God. The Lord also warned Moses and Aaron that Pharaoh would refuse to listen to them this time as well. When Pharaoh refused to listen, Aaron was to strike the river with his rod while Pharaoh watched.

13. Read Exodus 7:14-25 and write what God said would happen to the waters of the river when Aaron struck the river with his rod.

14. Explain why the Lord warned Moses and Aaron in advance that Pharaoh would refuse to listen to them.

15. Explain why the example of Moses and Aaron shows that it is important to you to obey the Lord even when people refuse to listen.

Moses and Aaron did exactly as the Lord had commanded them to do. When Aaron struck the river with his rod, all of the water in the river turned to blood. This included the water in the streams, lakes and pools as well as the water in the river. When the water in the river turned to blood, all of the fish in the river died. Soon, there was a terrible smell that filled the entire land. It was also impossible for the people to drink the water in the river. There was blood throughout the land of Egypt.

16. Read Exodus 7:14-25 and write what the magicians of Egypt did then.

17. Explain why the Lord allowed each plague to be a little more serious than the previous plague.

18. Explain how you think the people of Egypt felt when they saw that the river, the lakes and the streams had all been turned to blood.

Here, we see that the Egyptian magicians were also able to turn water into blood. However, that should have been easy for any good magician. The land was filled with blood. As a result, the Egyptians could probably only find a small bowl of water. If a good magician today can pull a rabbit out of a hat by sleight of hand, the magicians in that day should have been change a bowl of water into a bowl of blood by a slight of hand trick. That is quite different from turning an entire river into blood. Soon, we will see some miracles that the magicians could not

duplicate.

19. Read Exodus 7:14-25 and write what the people of Egypt had to do to get water.

20. Explain why you think the Lord allowed the magicians to duplicate this particular miracle of Moses and Aaron.

21. Explain why it is important to realize that God will work through the unusual things that happen to get the attention of people.

After the river had been blood for seven days, God caused the blood in the river to become water again. Then, God told Moses to go and speak to Pharaoh again. This time, Moses was to give Pharaoh a choice. Pharaoh was given the choice to either let the people of Israel go out into the desert to worship God or God would fill the land with frogs. God promised that these frogs would be everywhere. God said that the frogs would even get into the houses, the beds, the ovens and the bread pans.

22. Read Exodus 8:1-15 and write what Aaron was told to do to cause the frogs to come forth.

23. Explain why God wanted Pharaoh to know in advance what would happen if he made the choice to refuse to let the people go worship God.

24. Explain why it is important for you and me to explain to people their choices and their consequences if we want them to really begin to think.

When Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, the land was filled with frogs. The magicians were also able to produce frogs. However, this was the last miracle that the magicians were able to duplicate. There were no magical tricks that the magicians could use to duplicate the remaining miracles. After Pharaoh saw all of the frogs, he called for Moses and Aaron and promised them that he would allow the children of Israel to go to the wilderness to worship God if Moses would just get rid of the frogs. Then, Moses told Pharaoh to set the time and God would remove the frogs at that time.

25. Read Exodus 8:1-15 and write when Pharaoh asked to have the frogs removed.

26. Explain how the consequences of this particular plague caused Pharaoh to make a promise and then break that promise.

27. Explain how the actions of Pharaoh illustrate the meaning of false repentance that people show when they are sorry for the mess that they are in.

When Moses had finished talking to Pharaoh, he went and prayed to the Lord. In his prayer, Moses asked the Lord to remove the frogs in Egypt the next day. The Lord answered his prayer and the next day the Lord caused all of the frogs to die except for those frogs that were in the river. There were so many dead frogs that the people gathered the dead frogs together into large piles. Then, there was a terrible smell that filled the whole land because of the dead frogs. When Pharaoh saw that all of the frogs were gone, he hardened his heart and refused to let the children of Israel go out into the wilderness to worship God.

28. Read Exodus 8:1-15 and write who had already predicted that Pharaoh would harden his heart.

29. Explain what this teaches us about the reason why Pharaoh hardened his heart.

30. Explain why you think many people are like Pharaoh and harden their hearts after they get out of trouble.

When Pharaoh refused to let the people go again, the Lord told Aaron to stretch out his hand again. This time, the Lord covered the land with lice. The entire land was filled with lice. Then, Pharaoh called for his magicians and asked them to produce lice. However, the magicians were not able to produce lice. This time, they finally admitted that God had caused the lice and said that it was impossible for them to duplicate the lice. Again, Pharaoh hardened his heart and refused to listen to either Moses or the magicians when they said this was the finger of God.

31. Read Exodus 8:16-32 and write what God said would come up and cover the land next if

Pharaoh did not let the people go.

32. Explain why the magicians finally admitted that this was the work of God when they were unable to duplicate this miracle.
33. Explain why you think that even the magicians were forced to recognize that the power of God is greater than the power of Satan.

God said that the next plague He would bring would be to fill the land with flies if Pharaoh refused to let the children of Israel go to the wilderness to worship Him. However, God said that there would be one thing different about this plague. The flies would not be in the part of the land where the children of Israel lived. They would only be in the areas where the Egyptians lived. God wanted to show Pharaoh that He was able to protect His people at the same time that He was judging those who were making it difficult for His people. God knows those that He has chosen and He is able to protect them. Today, God still is able to protect us from harm and danger when we need to be protected from the evil men around us.

34. Read Exodus 8:16-32 and write what Pharaoh said to Moses when he saw the flies.
35. Explain why it is important to realize that God chose to make a distinction between the people of Israel and the people of Egypt for the rest of the plagues.
36. Explain why you are thankful that you know that God is more powerful and can protect you from the evil people around you.

This time, we see that Pharaoh tried to compromise. This is the same thing that the devil tries to get Christians to do today. Pharaoh agreed that it was all right for the people to worship God as long as they stayed in the land. The first thing that Satan does when a person becomes a Christian is to try and get that person to continue to live in sin. Satan knows that a Christian that is living like he lived before he became a Christian will never be an effective witness for Christ. Satan will always try to make Christians feel that it is all right to continue to live in sin.

37. Read Exodus 8:16-32 and write what Moses answered Pharaoh when he tried to get Moses to compromise.
38. Explain why it is important to help new Christians to understand the dangers of trying to compromise and continue to live in sin the way that they lived before they became Christians.
39. Explain why you realize that your life will only make an impact for the Lord if your life is different than the people without Christ.

When Moses refused the first compromise, Pharaoh offered a second compromise. He said it was all right to go and worship God as long as the people did not go very far. When the devil realizes that a Christian wants to let Christ change his life, the devil tries to tell that Christian that he should not change too much or people will think that he is odd. Again, this is compromise with Satan, instead of complete dedication to the Lord. Moses warned Pharaoh that he would not compromise. Then, Moses said that he would pray and ask the Lord to remove the flies the next day.

40. Read Exodus 8:16-32 and write what Pharaoh did when God removed the flies.
41. Explain why Satan wants to try to get Christians to not change too much when they become Christians.
42. Explain how the changes that the Lord made in your life when you became a Christian provided an opportunity to tell others what Christ was doing in your life.

Now, reread Exodus 7:1-8:32 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 4
Exodus 9:1-10:29

In our last lesson, we saw that God sent several plagues on the land of Egypt in order to cause Pharaoh to let the people of Israel leave the land of Egypt. The plagues that we studied in our last lesson are the kind of plagues that bother people but do not hurt them. Today, we will see that God started sending plagues that had a much greater impact. These plagues began to affect the cattle, the land, and the crops of the people of Egypt. However, we will see that these plagues still did not cause Pharaoh to let the people go out into the wilderness to worship God.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what God did to the cattle of the Egyptians.
- Explain what God did to the land of Egypt through the plagues.
- Explain how the Lord completely destroyed the crops of the people of Egypt.
- Explain what compromises Pharaoh tried to offer.

The Lord spoke to Moses and told him to go and speak to Pharaoh again. Moses was to tell Pharaoh that God had commanded His people to go and serve Him. Moses was also told what to tell Pharaoh if Pharaoh refused again to let the people of Israel go. The Lord said that He was going to bring a very great plague on the cattle and other animals of Egypt if Pharaoh refused to let Israel go and worship God. God also said that this plague would have a different effect for the people of Israel than it did for the Egyptians.

1. Read Exodus 9:1-12 and write what God said would happen to the cattle of Israel at the same time that many of the cattle of Egypt were dying.
2. Explain why the Lord was starting to make each plague a greater judgment than the previous plague.
3. Explain why you think that many people today refuse to listen to God even when they are going through difficult times.

Here, we see that God was making a separation between the cattle of Egypt and the cattle of Israel. God wanted to show Pharaoh that these plagues came from God. Pharaoh was forced to realize that God protects those that He chooses as well as destroying those who rebel against Him. Moses told Pharaoh that his cattle would be destroyed the next day if he did not let the children of Israel go. Pharaoh refused to let the people go and many of the cattle of Egypt died the next day just as God had promised. This reminds us that the Lord always carries out His Word.

4. Read Exodus 9:1-12 and write what happened to the heart of Pharaoh when he saw that God had protected the flocks of Israel.
5. Explain why God waited until this plague to make a difference between the people of Egypt and the people of Israel.
6. Explain why you realize that it is important for you to know that the Lord will always keep His Word.

Pharaoh really felt the next plague but he still refused to let the people of Israel go out into the wilderness to worship God. In the next plague, the people and the remaining animals of Egypt were all covered with boils. These boils were very painful. In fact, the boils were so painful that the magicians of Egypt could not even stand in front of Pharaoh because the pain of the boils made it impossible for the magicians to stand. Still, Pharaoh hardened his heart and refused to let the people of Israel go out into the wilderness to worship God.

7. Read Exodus 9:1-12 and write what Moses scattered in front of Pharaoh before the boils

began to appear on the people and animals.

8. Explain how God used this plague to begin to bring personal judgment on Pharaoh and his hard heart.

9. Explain why you think that many people cry out to God when they experience physical suffering but forget God when the suffering is over.

Egypt had been one of the most powerful nations in the world at that period of world history. However, these plagues were quickly destroying that power. Now, God warned Pharaoh that He was going to send additional plagues on Pharaoh and the land if Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go. In fact, God said that people throughout the earth would know of the power of God because of what God was going to do to Egypt. However, Pharaoh was proud and would not let the Israelites go so that they could worship God and offer sacrifices to Him.

10. Read Exodus 9:13-35 and write what God said He would send the next day if Pharaoh refused to let the people of Israel go.

11. Explain why God said that He was going to use the judgment of Egypt to let people throughout the earth know the power of God.

12. Explain why you think that many people are proud like Pharaoh and will not listen to God.

God said that this hail would be so large, it would kill any animals or people that it hit. This time, in addition to Pharaoh, all of the people of Egypt were given a choice. The people of Egypt were warned to get their servants and their cattle inside or under cover so that they would not be killed by the hail. Those Egyptians who believed the warning of God protected their servants and cattle. Those Egyptians who did not believe the Word of God left their servants and cattle in the fields where they were killed by the hail. Those hailstones also did great damage to the crops of the Egyptians.

13. Read Exodus 9:13-35 and write what went along the ground in addition to the thunder and hail in the sky.

14. Explain how this plague gave the people of Egypt the choice to listen to God or the choice to reject what God said.

15. Explain why this judgment reminds you that God also gives you choices in your own life.

Here, we see that fire was mixed with the hail. This fire also did great damage. The crops and the trees were destroyed along with any people or animals that remained in the field. However, the land of Goshen where the people of Israel lived did not receive any hail at all. Instead, the land of Goshen and everyone living in that area were protected by God. Pharaoh quickly called for Moses and Aaron when he saw what the hail was doing to the land of Egypt. Pharaoh said that he would let the children of Israel go if Moses would stop the hail. However, Moses knew that Pharaoh would not keep his word once the plague of hail was stopped.

16. Read Exodus 9:13-35 and write when Moses said that the thunder and hail would cease.

17. Explain why God wanted the people of Egypt to recognize that He had protected His people in the land of Goshen.

18. Explain why you recognize that God is the only One that can provide true protection to anyone.

When Moses and Aaron went out of the city, the thunder and hail stopped exactly as Moses had promised. Pharaoh also followed the same pattern that he had followed each time the previous plagues had stopped. We see that Pharaoh broke his promise and refused to allow the people of Israel to leave the land of Egypt. Today, many people are just like Pharaoh. When they are in a dangerous place or when someone is very sick, they make many promises to God. However, as soon as things are normal again, they immediately forget all of the promises that they made to God.

19. Read Exodus 9:13-35 and write what Moses told Pharaoh was true about the heart of Pharaoh and his servants.

20. Explain why you think that many people forget their promises to God very quickly when the problem is past.
21. Explain how it has affected either you personally or else family or friends when they did not keep their promises to God.

The Lord sent Moses and Aaron back to Pharaoh again. This time, they were told to ask Pharaoh how long it would be until he was ready to humble himself before God. God said that if Pharaoh would not let the people of Israel go that he would send a plague of locusts on the land of Egypt. Locusts are insects that eat any kind of plant. God said that if Pharaoh refused to let the people go that He would send so many locusts that it would be impossible to even see the earth. Those locusts would completely destroy any trees or plants that had been left by the hail.

22. Read Exodus 10:1-20 and write what Moses said the locusts would do to the houses of the Egyptians.
23. Explain why this passage shows that the real problem of Pharaoh was pride in his heart.
24. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to learn to live in humbleness before the Lord.

As soon as Moses left, the servants of Pharaoh started to talk to him. They asked him how long it would be until he allowed the people of Israel to go out into the wilderness to worship God. They informed Pharaoh that the land of Egypt was being completely destroyed because Pharaoh had such a hard heart. Here, we see that even the servants of Pharaoh were turning against him. Pharaoh then called Moses and Aaron back to him and tried to make one more compromise with them. He asked Moses who would be going to serve God. Moses replied that it would be all of the people plus all of their herds. No one would be left behind.

25. Read Exodus 10:1-20 and write who Pharaoh said could go and serve the Lord.
26. Explain what finally caused even the servants of Pharaoh to tell him that he had a hard heart.
27. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to make sure that you serve the Lord fully and do not try to compromise.

Here, we see another one of the tricks that Satan uses many times today. Satan says that it is fine if the parents want to serve the Lord. However, Satan tries to get the parents to give their children an opportunity to live in the world instead of living for the Lord. He does this in many different ways. Some parents push their children to be successful in school and in the world. Others think only of their own spiritual needs and not the needs of their children. This often leads to the neglect of a concern for spiritual life and spiritual growth for the children. Pharaoh said it was fine for the parents to go and serve the Lord as long as they left their children in Egypt. Satan is still doing the same thing today. He says it is fine for Christians to serve the Lord as long as they only encourage their children to be a success in the world.

28. Read Exodus 10:1-20 and write what Pharaoh said when Moses and Aaron said that they would take everyone.
29. Explain what these verses teach about the way that Satan tries to get people to compromise.
30. Explain why it is important to you to have a great concern for the spiritual development of your own family.

Moses refused to compromise with Pharaoh. Then, Moses did as God had said. God sent great swarms of locusts on the land of Egypt. The locusts were so thick when they came that they completely blocked the light of the sun and the land became dark. Then, the locusts quickly ate everything in the land that was green. This included the trees, the grass, the bushes and all of the other plants. Pharaoh quickly called for Moses again. Pharaoh said that he had sinned against God and against the people of Israel. He said that he wanted to be forgiven.

31. Read Exodus 10:1-20 and write what God sent to take away the locusts.

32. Explain how Pharaoh illustrates the fact that some people can have false repentance when they are suffering.

33. Explain in your own words the difference between false repentance and true repentance.

As usual, Pharaoh refused to let the people go when he saw that the locusts were gone. Then, God sent still another plague. This time, God sent a very great darkness. This darkness was so great that it could be felt. It was so dark that the Egyptians could not even see each other. It was so dark that none of the Egyptians could go anywhere. They would never have been able to find their way. However, God again made a difference between the Egyptians and the Israelites.

34. Read Exodus 10:21-29 and write what the Israelites had while the Egyptians were sitting in darkness.

35. Explain why those who reject the Word of God are actually walking in spiritual darkness just as Pharaoh had to walk in physical darkness.

36. Explain why it is important to you to walk in the spiritual light by being obedient to Christ.

The darkness really caused Pharaoh to think. He called for Moses and tried to make one more compromise. He said that the children of Israel could go and worship the Lord if they would leave their cattle and flocks in Egypt. This is also a compromise that Satan tries to get us to make. Satan wants us to leave our possessions in the world instead of using our possessions for the work of the Lord. Today, we need to follow the example of Moses. It should be our desire to use all of our possessions for the Lord and not just leave them for the world. We can know that if Satan cannot get us to compromise in any other way that he will try to get Christians to leave the use of our possessions to the world.

37. Read Exodus 10:21-29 and write how Moses answered Pharaoh when he offered this compromise.

38. Explain why Satan does not want us to use our possessions for the work of the Lord.

39. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to use your possessions as a part of your service to the Lord.

Moses refused to compromise in any way with Pharaoh. He told Pharaoh that Israel was not going to leave a single cow or sheep in the land of Egypt when they went to worship God. However, the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh. He told Moses to leave and not come back to him. He said that he never wanted to see Moses again. Pharaoh had hardened his own heart many times and now God was also hardening his heart.

40. Read Exodus 10:21-29 and write what Pharaoh said would happen to Moses if Pharaoh saw his face again.

41. Explain how Pharaoh shows the consequences when a person continues to harden his heart toward God.

42. Explain why you are thankful that you can serve the Lord instead of hardening your heart against Him.

Now, reread Exodus 9:1-10:29 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 5
Exodus 11:1-12:51

In our last two lessons, we have learned about several plagues that God brought on the land of Egypt in order to cause Pharaoh to allow the people of Israel to leave Egypt. The first group of plagues was things that bothered the people of Egypt but did not hurt them. The second group of plagues destroyed the cattle and the crops of the people of Egypt. That destruction was much greater. However, in our lesson today, we will learn about the final plague that happened in the land of Egypt. That was the death of the oldest child in each family and this particular plague would dramatically affect every Egyptian family.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what God said He was going to do to the Egyptians.
- Explain why all of the people of Israel were to sacrifice a lamb.
- Explain the meaning of the Passover.
- Explain how the Lord brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

In our last lesson, Pharaoh told Moses that he would kill Moses if Moses came to him again. Moses answered that he would not come again. After Moses left Pharaoh, God spoke to Moses. God said that He would bring one more plague on the land of Egypt. That plague would cause Pharaoh to let the people go. In fact, the Egyptians would urge the Israelites to leave. They would even give them jewelry to get rid of them. God said that as the people were leaving that they were to ask the Egyptians for jewelry of silver and gold. In this way, God was going to give His people at least a small wage for their many years of slavery in Egypt.

1. Read Exodus 11:1-10 and write what God promised to give the Israelites when they made this request of the Egyptians.
2. Explain why God chose to at least give the people of Israel some wages for their many years of slavery through the jewelry of the Egyptians.
3. Explain why you think that most of the Egyptians were very thankful to hear that the people of Israel were leaving Egypt.

We will see that the Egyptians were glad to give their jewelry to the Israelites because the Egyptians wanted to see the Israelites leave the land. The people of Egypt realized that God was judging them even though Pharaoh had not yet realized it. The Egyptians also had developed a great respect for Moses. Then, the Lord told Moses what the final plague would be. God said that He was going to kill the oldest child of every family and animal in the entire land. This would happen to the family of Pharaoh as well as to the rest of the families of Egypt.

4. Read Exodus 11:1-10 and write what God said would be heard throughout the land of Egypt because of this plague.
5. Explain what caused the Egyptians to develop a great respect for Moses even though they were experiencing the plagues.
6. Explain why you think that the Lord chose to judge Egypt by killing the oldest child in each family.

Then, God said that He would make a difference between the Egyptians and the Israelites. This plague would not touch the Israelites. God also said that Pharaoh's servants would beg the Israelites to leave the land of Egypt. However, we read that Pharaoh did not listen to the words that God spoke through Moses and Aaron. Instead, Pharaoh hardened his heart. Pharaoh gives us a real picture of the rebellion of man against God. He refused to turn from his rebellion.

7. Read Exodus 11:1-10 and write what Moses was experiencing as he left Pharaoh this time.

8. Explain why the Israelites were told to ask the Egyptians for jewelry of silver and gold as they left Egypt.
9. Explain why you think that Pharaoh did not even listen to Moses even when Moses said that his oldest child would be killed.

After Moses and Aaron left Pharaoh, God began to give them instructions for the people of Israel as they prepared to leave Egypt. God said that the time when they left Egypt was to be the beginning of months for them. Then, God said that they were to take a lamb and kill and eat it. Every family was to take a lamb. This lamb could come from the sheep or from the goats. If a family was too small to eat a lamb, they were to join together with another family and share a lamb together. The lamb also had to be a certain kind of lamb.

10. Read Exodus 12:1-13 and write the requirement that God gave for the lamb.
11. Explain why God said that the time when Israel left Egypt was to be the beginning of months for Israel.
12. Explain why you think that God told every family to eat the Passover lamb just before they left Egypt.

Here, we see that God wanted the people to eat a lamb that was without any blemishes. These lambs were a picture of Christ. Christ was our perfect sacrifice. All of the Israelites were to kill and eat this sacrifice on the fourteenth day of the month. The Israelites were to take the blood of this sacrifice and put it on the top and the two sides of the door. The reason for putting this blood on the top and the sides of the door was to show that the people had their trust in the promises of God. God promised that the death angel would pass over all of the houses that had the blood on the door. The death angel would not destroy the oldest child in any of those houses. However, every house that did not have blood on the door would have the oldest child killed when the death angel passed through the land.

13. Read Exodus 12:1-13 and write what God said this feast that the people celebrated just before they left Egypt would be called.
14. Explain why God said that it was important that the Passover lamb did not have any blemishes.
15. Explain how you think the Egyptians felt when they saw the blood on the top and two sides of the door of every Israelite house after the Israelites left Egypt.

This feast was called the Passover because the death angel passed over all of the houses that had the blood in the right places on the door. We also read how the lamb was to be cooked and eaten. It was to be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. The unleavened bread was to show that the people had gotten rid of everything that corrupts or causes to spoil. The lamb was to be roasted over the fire. The entire lamb was to be cooked so that no bones would be broken. The people were to eat the entire lamb or else burn whatever was left. They were to eat the lamb with their shoes on their feet and their coats in their hands so that they would be prepared to leave Egypt as soon as they received word to go.

16. Read Exodus 12:1-13 and write what the Lord said that He would do that night.
17. Explain how the Passover lamb gives us a picture of Christ.
18. Explain why you think that God wanted the Israelites to eat unleavened bread with their Passover meal.

God also told the Israelites that they were to eat the Passover every year throughout their history. Today, the Jews still eat the Passover lamb each year. God also said that they were not to eat any bread with leaven in it for seven days. This seven day period without any leaven in their bread was also a thing that was to be done every year throughout the history of the Jews. As Christians, we also need a time when we examine our lives to make certain that we have allowed no sin to remain in our lives. This is why we are told to examine our lives each time before we eat communion.

19. Read Exodus 12:14-30 and write what God said would happen to any person that ate bread with leaven in it.
20. Explain why God told the Israelites that they were to continue to eat the Passover every year throughout all their future generations.
21. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to have a regular time of self examination to make sure you have confessed your sins.

God says that those who allow sin to remain in their lives today may have sickness or even death happen to them. This is why we need to examine our lives so that we do not need to be judged. After God had told Moses about the Passover, Moses called the leaders of Israel together and explained the instructions about the Passover to them so that they could tell the people. The people were to use hyssop to put the blood on the door. Hyssop is a small bush and it was the same bush that was used to give vinegar to Christ as He hung on the cross.

22. Read Exodus 12:14-30 and write the places where the people were to put the blood on their doors.
23. Explain why God told the people that they were to use a branch from a hyssop bush to put the blood on the top and two sides of their doors.
24. Explain why you think it was important for Moses to teach the leaders and the leaders to teach the people the instructions about the Passover.

Here, we see that the blood had to be in a certain place in order for the oldest child to be protected. Today, there is only one way that we can have eternal life. That is through the blood of Christ. People cannot come to God in their own ways. Instead, every person must come to God through Christ. God also gave the reason why the people of Israel were to have the Passover every year throughout their history. This was to help their children remember how God had protected them. Today, we also have a responsibility to continually teach our children so that they will never forget that Christ died for their sins and was raised back to life to show that the Father was satisfied with the payment that Christ made for sin.

25. Read Exodus 12:14-30 and write what happened at midnight on the night of the Passover.
26. Explain why it was very important for the Israelites to follow the instructions of God and not do things in their own ways.
27. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to make certain that you are obedient to the Lord.

We see that when Moses had finished speaking to the leaders of the people of Israel that they went and told all of the people. Then, all of the people were obedient to the commandments of God. As a result, all of the families of Israel were protected when the death angel went through the land of Egypt. However, the first-born children of all of the Egyptians were killed. This happened to every Egyptian family. No family was protected. It did not matter whether a family was rich or poor. They were all judged because they had not met the requirement of God.

28. Read Exodus 12:14-30 and write what Pharaoh and the Egyptians did when the oldest child in each family died.
29. Explain why judgment will come to all people who do not come to God through Christ.
30. Explain why this passage helps you to understand that God treats all people equally whether they are rich or poor.

When Pharaoh saw that his oldest child was killed, he quickly called for Moses and Aaron. Pharaoh told Moses to take the people and their flocks and to get out of Egypt quickly. The rest of the Egyptians also begged the Israelites to leave. The Egyptians gladly gave their jewelry to the Israelites in order to get them to leave quickly. The Egyptians realized that they would all be dead if the Israelites did not leave very soon. As a result, they were ready to do whatever was necessary to get the Israelites to leave Egypt quickly.

31. Read Exodus 12:31-51 and write how many men of Israel were a part of the group that went out of the country of Egypt.
32. Explain why the Egyptians were so eager to get rid of the Israelites as quickly as possible.
33. Explain why you think that God had to bring such a severe judgment on Egypt before Pharaoh was willing to let the Israelites leave Egypt.

In addition to the Israelites, we read that a mixed multitude also went out of Egypt with Israel. These were Egyptians or other foreigners that had seen the power of God. However, they had not placed their trust in God. We will see that this mixed multitude later created problems for the people of Israel. The people left with all of their cattle and flocks. Because the people were forced to leave Egypt very quickly, they did not have time to prepare any bread. As a result, they prepared bread that had no yeast in it. We also read how long the nation of Israel had lived in the land of Egypt.

34. Read Exodus 12:31-51 and write how long they had been in Egypt.
35. Explain why a mixed multitude also chose to leave the land of Egypt with the Israelites.
36. Explain why you think that this mixed multitude will later cause problems for the people of Israel.

God also reviewed the instructions about the way that the people were to celebrate the Passover. Again, God reminded the people that they were to keep the Passover throughout their history as a reminder of the way that God had brought them out of Egypt. God said that no foreigners or hired servants were to eat the Passover. Only those servants that had been circumcised according to the commandment of God were to be allowed to share in the Passover. They were also reminded that they were not to break a single bone of the Passover lamb.

37. Read Exodus 12:31-51 and write the provision for a stranger or foreigner that lived in Israel that made it possible for that person to eat the Passover.
38. Explain why the Egyptians urged the Israelites to leave the country of Egypt quickly.
39. Explain why these verses show that it is important to remind future generations of things that have happened in the past.

God made one provision for the stranger or foreigner that lived among the people of Israel so that stranger could eat the Passover. Any stranger or foreigner that was circumcised according to the commandment of God was to be allowed to share in the Passover. Here, we see a picture of the kindness and love of God. He will allow all those who are obedient to His commands to share in His blessings. We can also enjoy the blessings of the Lord if we are willing to be obedient to Him and do His will.

40. Read Exodus 12:31-51 and write what God did that very same day that they obeyed His commandments about the Passover.
41. Explain why God allowed any strangers or foreigners that chose to be circumcised to eat the Passover with the Israelites.
42. Explain why you think that God said that only those males who were circumcised were allowed to eat the Passover.

Now, reread Exodus 11:1-12:51 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 6
Exodus 13:1-15:27

In our last lesson, we learned about the way that God caused Pharaoh to allow the people of Israel to leave the land of Egypt. However, Pharaoh suddenly realized that he had allowed his slaves to leave the land and he would have no one to do the work that they had been doing for him. Again, Pharaoh changed his mind and decided that he would not allow the Israelites to escape from him. Then, Pharaoh gathered his army and went after the Israelites. Pharaoh thought that it would be easy to capture the Israelites when he saw the way that they had gone. He saw that because of the way that they had taken that they had the Red Sea ahead of them and mountains on both sides of them.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain why the first child of each family belonged to God.
- Explain how Pharaoh thought that he would recapture the people of Israel.
- Explain how the Lord protected Israel from Pharaoh.
- Explain what lessons you learn from the song of victory.

After the people of Israel left Egypt, God spoke to Moses and told him that the people were to set apart their first-born child for God because God had spared the life of their first-born in Egypt. Moses reminded the people that each year they were to remember the time that God had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They were to do this by eating bread that had no yeast in it for seven days. Then, the seventh day was to be a feast to the Lord. Moses also told the people that they were to use this feast to remind their children of the way that God brought them out of the land of Egypt.

1. Read Exodus 13:1-22 and write what the Lord said that each of the people of Israel was to have in his mouth.
2. Explain why it was important for the Israelites to set apart their first-born child to the Lord.
3. Explain why you think that Moses was to emphasize to the Israelites that they were to teach their children about the way that God had delivered them from Egypt.

The people were to be continually reminded of what God had done for them. With their mouths there were to constantly speak the Word of God to their children. Today, we also need to be speaking the Word of God to our families every day so that the Word of God will become a part of their lives. God also told the people of Israel that the first-born of all of their flocks was to be offered to the Lord. God did allow them to substitute a lamb for the larger animals. This is a picture of the fact that God also allowed Christ to be our substitute and pay for our sin by shedding His blood on the cross.

4. Read Exodus 13:1-22 and write what the people were told to do for the first son in each of their families.
5. Explain why God wanted Israel and now wants us to speak the Word of God every day to our families.
6. Explain what lesson you think that God was trying to teach Israel by allowing them to substitute a lamb for their larger animals.

God told the people of Israel to redeem their first son for a reason. God wanted the people to teach their children about God. Each time they offered a sacrifice, they were to explain the purpose of that sacrifice to their children. They were to tell their children how God had brought them out of Egypt. Here, we see an important lesson for our own lives. Throughout the day, we should be looking for opportunities to explain the Word of God to our children. As we

explain the Word of God, we have the opportunity to help our children learn to apply the Word of God to their daily lives.

7. Read Exodus 13:1-22 and write what way God did not lead the children of Israel when they left Egypt.

8. Explain why God said that the Israelites were to look for every opportunity to teach their children about God.

9. Explain why you think that it is important for you to teach your children about what Christ has done for them each day.

These verses teach us another important lesson. The way through the land of the Philistines was the shortest and the fastest way to the land of Canaan. However, the Israelites needed a time of preparation because they were not yet prepared to fight the Philistines. As a result, God led them through the desert so that He could prepare them to fight the Philistines. Sometimes we cannot understand the way that God is leading us. However, we should realize that God has a purpose for everything that He does. He knows what is best for us.

10. Read Exodus 13:1-22 and write what Moses took with them when the people of Israel left Egypt.

11. Explain why it is important for us to be thankful to the Lord for the way that He leads us even though we may not understand why He leads us the way that He does.

12. Explain why you think that the Lord leads us in ways that we do not expect as He leads us in our lives.

When Moses left Egypt, he took the bones of Joseph with him. One of the last things that Joseph said before He died was that God would certainly visit the people of Israel and bring them back to the land of Canaan. Joseph said that he wanted his bones carried back to the land at that time. He said this because he was looking forward to the fact that the Lord would fulfill His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God also gave the people a cloud to lead them during the day and also to protect them from the heat. At night, this cloud would become a pillar of fire which gave them light as it guided them. Then, God told Moses to lead the people to a place down by the Red Sea. This meant that they had the sea on the east side and the mountains on the north and south sides of them. God wanted them there so that Pharaoh would come after them.

13. Read Exodus 14:1-14 and write what God said He would do to the heart of Pharaoh.

14. Explain why it was so important for Moses to take the bones of Joseph with him when Israel left Egypt.

15. Explain why you think that God chose to guide Israel and lead them as they traveled from Egypt to the land of Canaan.

God still had to judge Pharaoh personally for his sins against the people of Israel. When Pharaoh heard that the children of Israel had left Egypt, he suddenly decided to go after them and bring them back to be his slaves again. He immediately gathered his battle chariots and his army together and went after the Israelites because he had heard that the Israelites were surrounded on three sides by mountains and water. Pharaoh was sure that they would not be able to escape from him and his armies because of the water and the mountains surrounding them.

16. Read Exodus 14:1-14 and write what the people did in their fear when they saw the armies of Egypt coming after them,

17. Explain why God chose to judge Pharaoh personally and caused him to try and reclaim his former slaves.

18. Explain why our study of Exodus helps you to understand that the choices of Pharaoh were the things that led to his judgment.

These people had not yet learned that they could depend on the Lord to protect them so they

were filled with fear. As a result, they accused Moses of bringing them out into the wilderness so that they could be killed. They said it would have been better for them to serve the Egyptians than to be killed in the wilderness. Moses told them not to be afraid. Instead, they were to watch and see how the Lord would protect them from the Egyptians. Moses told them that their hearts could be filled with peace because the Lord would fight for them.

19. Read Exodus 14:1-14 and write what Moses said would happen to the Egyptians after that day.

20. Explain what these verses teach about the fear that people develop when they look at their problems instead of looking to God to solve the problems.

21. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to trust the Lord and not be filled with fear when you face problems.

The Lord also told Moses to start moving instead of just standing there. Today, many Christians are not being used by the Lord because they stand when the Lord is calling them to serve. God gives us the opportunity to serve Him but we must make the choice to begin doing what the Lord is leading us to do. As we begin moving in obedience to the Lord, He will guide us step by step as we are moving. God told Moses to stretch out his rod over the sea. God promised to divide the water and make a road through the sea so that the people could walk through on dry ground. God sometimes brings us to a difficult situation so that He can show us His power. God also said that He would destroy the Egyptians in the sea when they tried to follow the Israelites.

22. Read Exodus 14:15-31 and write what happened to the cloud that had been standing in front of Israel.

23. Explain why it was important for Moses to begin leading Israel toward the Red Sea even before God had created a way through the sea.

24. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to move forward by faith and trust God to lead you day by day.

On the side of the cloud facing the Israelites, this was a pillar of light so that the Israelites could see to move during the night. On the Egyptian side of the cloud there was complete darkness so that it was impossible for the Egyptians to do anything. God sent a strong east wind to move the water back and cause the ground to become dry. As a result, the people of Israel went through the sea on dry ground. The next morning God removed the cloud so that the Egyptians could see that the people of Israel had escaped through the sea. However, Pharaoh was still determined to capture the Israelites and bring them back to be his slaves.

25. Read Exodus 14:15-31 and write what the Egyptians did.

26. Explain why God chose to make one side of the cloud light for the Israelites and the other side total darkness for the Egyptians.

27. Explain how you think that Pharaoh felt when he saw that the Israelites had escaped through the way God made through the sea.

God waited until the Egyptians were in the middle of the sea. Then, God caused the wheels to fall off the chariots of the Egyptians. Suddenly, the Egyptians realized that God was fighting for Israel. They decided to run and escape. However, it was too late. The Israelites had reached the other side. Then, God told Moses to stretch out his rod over the sea. The waters quickly returned and covered the army of Egypt and their chariots. The entire army of Pharaoh was destroyed in the sea that day. All that the Israelites saw were the dead bodies that washed up on the shore.

28. Read Exodus 14:15-31 and write how the people of Israel responded when they saw what God had done.

29. Explain what you learn about the judgment of God from this chapter.

30. Explain why Pharaoh is an example of many people today that will wait until it is too late to escape eternal judgment.

When the people of Israel saw what God had done to the Egyptians the people recognized that God was the One that had protected them. They also recognized that Moses was the servant of God. Then, Moses and the people sang a song of rejoicing because of the way that the Lord had given them victory over their enemies. The song points out the fact that God is the One that is our strength and song. He is the only One that can give us salvation. They realized that it was the Lord that destroyed the army and the chariots of Pharaoh. They realized that God was able to do all of these things because of His great power.

31. Read Exodus 15:1-27 and tell how God gathered the waters together.

32. Explain why Israel chose to sing a song of rejoicing for what God had done for them after they had escaped from the Egyptians.

33. Explain why it is important in your own life to express your thanks to God for what He has done for you.

The Egyptians thought that they would be able to follow the Israelites through the sea and gain what they wanted. However, God used His power to bring the water back into its place and destroy the Egyptians. Since God is able to do such things to the enemies of His people, there are no false gods that can compare in any way to the true and living God. No false god can hurt the people who have their trust in God. God did all of these things using only the outstretched hand of Moses. God is also the One who guides and leads His people.

34. Read Exodus 15:1-27 and write what we are told would happen to the people of Canaan when they heard what God had done to the Egyptians.

35. Explain why God caused this particular miracle to help people throughout the world realize His power over evil.

36. Explain why you are thankful that you can rest in the protection of God knowing that no false gods have any power over you as you abide in Christ.

As the people sang, they spoke again of the fear that God causes in the hearts of all those who do not trust in Him. The Lord is the One who has all power. No one else on the earth can compare with Him. God was the One who had the power to bring the people of Israel into the land that He had promised to give them. God would give His people victory over all of their enemies. In addition, the Lord is the One that will rule over all things forever.

37. Read Exodus 15:1-27 and write the name of the place to which Israel next began their trip.

38. Explain what these verses teach about the greatness and power of God.

39. Explain why you are thankful that you serve the living and true God that has all power and can do all things.

After the people traveled through the sea, they started into the area that was desert. For three days they traveled without finding any water. Finally, they came to a place called Marah which means bitter water. The water was so bitter that the people could not drink it. Then, the people began complaining about the leadership of Moses. Moses prayed to the Lord and God showed Moses a tree that would make the water sweet. When they threw the tree into the water, the water became sweet and the people were able to drink the water. Moses reminded the people to listen closely to what God said and to do what He told them to do.

40. Read Exodus 15:1-27 and write what God promised He would prevent if the people would keep His commandments.

41. Explain why the people began to complain so quickly after they had just seen the power of God demonstrated.

42. Explain how these verses show you that the Lord will give you wisdom to know what to do as you pray and ask Him for wisdom.

Now, reread Exodus 13:1-15:27 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 7
Exodus 16:1-18:27

As the people of Israel left Egypt and began their journey toward the land God had promised them, they faced other problems. As they started across the desert, they began to complain about the lack of food and water. God showed His mercy to them over and over by providing what they needed. We will learn how God supplied manna for food. Then, we will learn how God supplied water for the people as they traveled through the desert. As the people traveled through the desert, they met the people of Amalek. The people of Amalek tried to destroy the Israelites but God provided His protection to the people of Israel.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain how God chose to supply food for Israel.
- Explain the importance of the Sabbath to Israel.
- Explain how God supplied water for Israel.
- Explain the suggestion that Jethro made to Moses.

As the people traveled into the desert, they soon ran out of food. Then, they all began to complain and speak against Moses and Aaron. We will see that the people complained many times about the leadership of Moses. This was due to the fact that they failed to learn to put their trust in the Lord. The people said that it would have been better for them to have died in Egypt where they had food than to die from hunger out in the desert. They said that Moses had brought them out into the wilderness to kill them with hunger. Here, we see that people will complain when they do not trust the Lord.

1. Read Exodus 16:1-22 and write what God said He would rain from heaven to satisfy their hunger.
2. Explain why we should not be surprised when people who do not have their trust in the Lord begin to complain.
3. Explain why it is important in your own life to trust the Lord when you face problems rather than complaining.

Here, we see a wonderful example of the fact that God is able to supply every need. God was going to provide them with bread from heaven for food throughout the time that they were in the desert. God said that the people were to gather only enough of this bread for one day except on the sixth day when they were to gather enough food for two days. God said that this bread from heaven would be on the ground every morning. In addition, God also said that He would send small birds called quail for the people in the evening so that they could also have meat to eat. God made these promises and then God did exactly as He had promised.

4. Read Exodus 16:1-22 and write what the people called the bread from heaven.
5. Explain why God told the people that they were only to gather enough food for one day except on the sixth day.
6. Explain why it is important for you in your life to learn to trust the Lord to supply your needs each day.

Manna is a word that means, "What is it?" The people did not know what to call this bread from heaven because they had never seen anything like it. The people were told that they were not to try and keep the manna until the next day except on the sixth day. Some of the people were afraid that there might not be any manna the next day, so they gathered more than they could use. The next morning, the extra manna that they had gathered was filled with worms and had a terrible smell. Here, we see again that part of the people did not have real faith and

trust in the promises of God. They were making their own plans to provide food for themselves. Today, there are also many Christians that fail to have real faith in the promises of God.

7. Read Exodus 16:1-22 and write how much the people were told to gather on the sixth day.
8. Explain why you think that people failed to believe God and place their trust in the promises of God.
9. Explain why it is important in your life to depend on the promises of God instead of depending on your own strength.

We also read that the people were to gather the manna early in the morning because the manna would melt as soon as the sun came up. God again reminded the people that they were to gather enough on the sixth day to provide them with food on the seventh day. God warned the people that there would be no manna on the seventh day and that the people would be hungry if they did not gather extra manna on the sixth day. The people were told not to do any work on the Sabbath (seventh day of the week) because it was to be a day of rest and worship of the Lord. The manna that was gathered on the sixth day did not become filled with worms or begin to smell when it was kept until the seventh day. Instead, it was just as fresh as if it had been gathered on the seventh day.

10. Read Exodus 16:23-36 and write what the people who went out to gather manna on the seventh day found.
11. Explain why all people need to take a day of rest from their work each week to renew themselves spiritually.
12. Explain why you think that the extra manna would not breed worms on the sixth day but would breed worms any other day.

Here, we see again that some of the people were not willing to obey the commandments of the Lord. They had been instructed to gather enough manna for two days. They had also been told to rest on the seventh day. We see that some of the people refused to listen. Today, we still have people who refuse to listen to the commandments of God. They think that they can do what they want and that no one can stop them. However, we know that God is in control of all things and will one day judge those who are living in rebellion against Him. We also read that the manna looked like a coriander seed (a small gray-white seed).

13. Read Exodus 16:23-36 and write what the manna tasted like.
14. Explain why many people including many Christians refuse to listen to and obey the commandments of God.
15. Explain why you need to realize each day the importance of asking the Lord to give you the strength to obey His commandments.

The Lord also commanded Moses to gather a pot of manna and keep it so that the children in the future would be able to know what the manna was like. Here, we see that God wanted everything that the people Israel did to be something that would help the people teach their families about God. We see that God wanted the people to teach their children that God was able to supply their needs. God did supply their needs for the entire forty years that the people were in the desert. In the same way, we can look to the Lord to supply our needs throughout our lives as we trust in Him.

16. Read Exodus 16:23-36 and write when God stopped supplying the manna because it was no longer needed.
17. Explain what these verses teach about the fact that God will supply our needs.
18. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to learn to trust the Lord to supply your daily needs.

As the people of Israel traveled on their journey through the desert, they came to a place called Rephidim. There the people had no water. Again, they started to complain to Moses. Again,

the people accused Moses of leading them out into the desert to kill them. Moses told the people that they were testing the patience of the Lord by failing to trust the promise that God would supply their needs. Then, Moses began to pray to the Lord and ask Him what to do. Moses knew that he needed the help of the Lord because the people were ready to stone him.

19. Read Exodus 17:1-16 and write what Moses was told to do to the rock in Horeb.

20. Explain why you think that the people were so quick to accuse Moses of leading them out into the wilderness to kill them.

21. Explain why it is important for you to pray to the Lord and ask for His help when people turn against you.

Here, we see that God performed another miracle that shows His power. As soon as Moses struck the rock, water began pouring from the rock. In fact, a large amount of water began to pour from the rock. Enough water was coming from the rock to supply all of the Israelites plus their cattle, sheep and other animals. The supply of God is never limited. God always has more than enough to supply the needs of His people. Our only problem is the same problem that the Israelites had. Many times we have a lack of faith that God will supply our needs.

22. Read Exodus 17:1-16 and write who came to fight against Israel at Rephidim.

23. Explain what these verses teach about the fact that God is able to supply enough and more than enough in every situation.

24. Explain why you think that it is hard for many Christians to learn that Christ will supply their needs.

The people of Amalek were descendants from part of the family of Esau. Here, we see that they came to fight against Israel. Then, Moses appointed Joshua to choose men to go and fight against Amalek. Moses said that he would go and stand on top of the hill with the rod of God in his hand. The next day Aaron and Hur went up the hill with Moses so that they could watch the battle. When the battle started, the army of Israel won as long as Moses held his arms up in the air. However, as soon as Moses let his arms down, Amalek began to win. We see that the hands of Moses had to be up for Israel to win.

25. Read Exodus 17:1-16 and write what happened to the hands of Moses.

26. Explain why God chose to give Israel victory as long as Moses held up his hands toward the Lord.

27. Explain why you think that the Lord was only giving Israel victory when Moses was holding up his hands.

The hands of Moses became very heavy as he continued to hold them in the air. Then, Moses sat down on a rock and Aaron and Hur held his arms. They held his hands steady until the sun went down. As a result, the army of Israel won a great victory over the army of Amalek. Because Amalek had come and fought against Israel, God said that Amalek would be completely destroyed so that it would no longer remain as a nation. God said that He would fight against Amalek from generation to generation.

28. Read Exodus 17:1-16 and write what Moses called the name of the altar that he built after the Lord gave Israel the victory.

29. Explain what you learn about the nation of Amalek from these verses.

30. Explain what lessons you learn from the fact that Moses needed Aaron and Hur to be a part of the team in order for the Lord to give Israel victory.

The father-in-law of Moses heard what God had done for the people of Israel. Then, he came to meet Moses along with the wife and sons of Moses. We already learned the name of Gershom, the oldest son of Moses. Now, we are told that Moses had a second son. When Moses heard that Jethro was coming, Moses went out to meet him and his family. Then, Moses and Jethro talked about the things that had happened while they were separated from each other. Moses told how the Lord had given the people of Israel victory over Pharaoh.

31. Read Exodus 18:1-27 and write what Jethro did when he heard what the Lord had done for

Israel.

32. Explain how hearing what God had done in Egypt caused Jethro to grow in his faith and understanding of God.

33. Explain why you think that it was important for Jethro to hear how God had worked in Egypt in order to strengthen his faith.

When Jethro heard all that God had done for Israel, he said that he realized that God is the God over all gods. Today, many people are like Jethro. They have realized that God is powerful but they have failed to realize that God has all power. The day after Jethro arrived at the camp of Israel, Moses began judging the problems of the people just as he had judged them each day since they had left Egypt. Jethro watched Moses judge the cases of the people throughout the day. When Moses was done judging the people for the day, Jethro asked him a question.

34. Read Exodus 18:1-27 and write the question that Jethro asked.

35. Explain why Moses felt that he had to do all of the work of judging the people from early morning until evening.

36. Explain why you think that many leaders try to do all of the work instead of training others to share the work.

Here, we see that Moses was making the same mistake that many Christian leaders make today. He was doing all of the work himself instead of training other men to share the work. As a result, it was impossible for Moses to do the work that he needed to do. Today, every Christian has been given spiritual gifts so that each Christian can serve the Lord effectively. Christian leaders are given the responsibility of training all of the Christians to use those spiritual gifts instead of the leaders trying to do everything themselves. Jethro told Moses that he would soon become ineffective as a leader if he did not begin to share the leadership with other people that God had prepared to do that work.

37. Read Exodus 18:1-27 and write the very first thing that Moses was told to do in order to become an effective leader.

38. Explain why leaders will soon become ineffective if they try to do all of the work themselves.

39. Explain why you think that many leaders forget that one of their most important responsibilities is the training of additional leaders.

In verses 19-21, we see that Moses was given five priorities for effective spiritual leadership. He was to pray for the people. He was to teach the Word of God. He was to show them by his example the way to walk. He was to show them how to do the work. He was to share the work. Jethro also told Moses the kind of men to choose to share in the work of the Lord. They were to be able men who feared the Lord. They were to be men who spoke the truth and did not desire to satisfy themselves instead of doing what was right. Moses was told to teach the Word of God to these men so that they would know what to do and how to judge. Here, we see a very important key in training leadership. We must teach them the Word of God, instead of giving them our own opinions.

40. Read Exodus 18:1-27 and write what things these leaders were to bring to Moses to judge.

41. Explain why the five priorities given to Moses are so important in the development of godly spiritual leadership.

42. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to show leaders how to walk and how to do the work of the Lord by taking them with you so that they can learn from your example.

Now, reread Exodus 16:1-18:27 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 8
Exodus 19:1-20:26

Today, we will learn about God giving the law to the people of the nation of Israel. We will see that the law had Ten Commandments that divide into two sections. The first section of the law discusses the relationship of man to God. In the first four commandments, we see what God required in order for people to have a right relationship with Him. The second section of the law discusses the relationship of people to other people. In this section of the law, we see six things that we are not to do in our relationship with other people. If we are right with God, then our relationship with other people will also be right. However, if things are not right between us and God, then things will not be right with other people.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the covenant that God made with the nation of Israel.
- Explain what you learn about the holiness of God.
- Explain what you learn about the relationship of man to God.
- Explain what you learn about the relationship of man to other men.

The third month after the people of Israel had left Egypt, they reached a desert area called the wilderness of Sinai. In this wilderness was a mountain called Mount Horeb. It was near this mountain that Moses had seen the burning bush. The people spent about a year camped at the foot of Mount Horeb. It was during this period that God gave the people of Israel the Law. God also gave Moses the instructions for building the tabernacle of worship for Israel while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Horeb). We will see that this tabernacle was built before the people left Mount Horeb.

1. Read Exodus 19:1-25 and write what God said the people would be if they obeyed His voice and kept His covenant.
2. Explain why it was important for Israel to spend the time at Mount Horeb so that the Lord could give them the law.
3. Explain why you think that it was important for the people to learn the commandments that the Lord gave to them.

God said that the people would be a kingdom of priests for Him if they would obey His commandments. This was a part of being a peculiar treasure. When the people heard the Word of the Lord, they said that they would do all that God had spoken to them. Here, we see that people think that they can obey the law of God by their own efforts. God had to show these people that their own efforts would fail because God is a holy God who expects perfect obedience. In order to show the people that He was holy, God said that He would come and speak to Moses.

4. Read Exodus 19:1-25 and write how God said He would come to Moses.
5. Explain why the people thought that they could obey the Word of the Lord through their own efforts.
6. Explain why you realize in your own life that you need to depend on the strength of the Lord in order to have the power to obey Him.

God said that He would speak to Moses on the mountain in a thick cloud. God also said that the people were not to come near the mountain because God is holy. God said that any person or animal that touched the mountain would certainly die. God promised that He would come on the third day. On the third morning, there was thunder and lightning on the mountain. At the same time, a thick cloud appeared on the mountain. There was also a voice like the sound of a

loud trumpet. Several times in the Bible we read that the voice of God sounded like a loud trumpet.

7. Read Exodus 19:1-25 and write what the people did when they heard the loud voice from the mountain.

8. Explain why God showed His power to the people of Israel as they gathered at the bottom of the mountain.

9. Explain why it is important in your own life to realize that God is the One that has all power.

When the loud voice spoke from the mountain, Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God at the bottom of the mountain. The mountain looked like a great furnace because of the thick cloud on the top of it. The trumpet and the voice of God became louder and louder. Then, God called Moses up to the mountain. Again, God warned Moses to go and tell the people not to touch the mountain or else they would die. Today, we also need to realize that God is a holy God. We should be aware of the fact that God can bring judgment on our physical bodies if we live in sin and rebellion.

10. Read Exodus 19:1-25 and write what Moses did when God told him to go down and warn the people not to touch the mountain.

11. Explain what you learn about the holiness of God from these verses.

12. Explain why you think that it is important for every person to recognize that God is a holy God.

We go on to read the Ten Commandments. As we mentioned, these commandments divide into two sections. The first four commandments deal with the relationship of man to God. In the first commandment, God told the people that they were not to have any other gods before Him. Today, we live in a day when people have many things that they serve. If any of those things are more important than God, then those things have become false gods. The gods of many people today are possessions, money, pleasure or some other thing that is more important to them than God.

13. Read Exodus 20:1-11 and write the second commandment that God gave.

14. Explain why the first relationship that people must have right is their relationship to God.

15. Explain why you think that many people serve false gods, instead of building a right relationship with the True and Living God.

We see in the second commandment that we are not to make any image which people might begin to worship instead of worshiping God. Some people think that there is no harm in making an image of what they think God looks like. However, once people make an image, it is very easy for them to begin to worship that image instead of worshiping the true God. Many times their children will also begin to worship the image. In this way, the sins of the parents are carried on for many generations. Scripture tells us that the sins of the parents are often carried on to the third or fourth generation.

16. Read Exodus 20:1-11 and write what God said in the third commandment about His name.

17. Explain why it is easy for people to begin to worship an object or image instead of worshiping the true God.

18. Explain why it is important for you to understand that the sins of the parents are often carried on to a third and fourth generation.

The Lord says that He will not hold men guiltless if they use His name in a wrong way. Many people think nothing of using the name of God to curse others. The final command of the commandments that speak of the relationship of man to God is the command to keep the Sabbath day holy. This is the only commandment of the ten that is not repeated in the New Testament. We are still to have a day of rest today. However, we have our day of rest on the first day of the week, instead of the seventh day, because Christ rose from the dead on the first day of the week.

19. Read Exodus 20:1-11 and write why God said that the people of Israel were to rest on the seventh day.
20. Explain what you learn from the commandments that speak of the relationship of man to God.
21. Explain why it is important to you in your own life that you realize the importance of having a right relationship with God.

We go on to look at the commandments that speak of the relationship of man to other men. This section begins by speaking of the importance of honoring parents. A proper respect for God will cause people to have a proper respect for their parents. Only when we are obeying the commandments of God about the family will we have real success in our relationships with those outside of our own family. God also gives a wonderful promise to those who honor their parents. Today, many people may be missing out on the blessing of God because they are failing to show the respect for their parents that they should be showing.

22. Read Exodus 20:12-17 and write the next commandment that God gives.
23. Explain why the first commandment that speaks about our relationship to other people speaks about our relationship to parents.
24. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to honor and respect your parents whether they are Christians or not.

Here, we see that God begins to speak of our actions toward other people. We are not to murder another person. We are not to commit adultery or be involved in some other form of immoral relationship. We are not to steal anything that belongs to someone else. We are also warned that we are not to speak lies about another person. God tells us that we are to love others just as we love ourselves. We would not want someone else to do any of the things to us that are mentioned here. Since a proper relationship with God will cause us to want to do what is right to others, we need to ask God to give us victory so that we will not do these things.

25. Read Exodus 20:12-17 and write what the final commandment tells us not to do.
26. Explain why people who love and worship God will treat other people with love and respect.
27. Explain why it is important in your own life to also build a proper relationship with other people.

Here, God turns from the things that we do to others to the things that we feel in our hearts toward others. Many times people think that they are living good lives if they do not do too many evil things to others. Here, God points out the fact that we are guilty if we have evil feelings toward others even if we do not act in an evil way toward others. To desire something that belongs to someone else is to covet. The only way that we are truly able to have the right actions toward another person is to have the right thoughts. Those thoughts must come from God.

28. Read Exodus 20:12-17 and write at least five of the seven things that we are not to covet.
29. Explain why our inner attitudes will eventually determine how we act toward other people.
30. Explain why it is important to you in your own life not to covet the things that others have in their lives.

As we look at the Ten Commandments, we realize that it is completely impossible to keep all of these commandments in our own strength. We will fail every time if we try to keep the commandments through our own efforts. That is why religion without Christ never brings peace. People realize that their own efforts are never good enough. No person can live a perfect life and keep all of these commandments perfectly. As a result, people are constantly searching for a way to find peace. Since we know that this peace will only come when people repent of their sin and place their trust in the fact that Christ shed His blood to pay for their sin and the Father showed that He was satisfied by raising Christ from the dead, we need to be

continually telling others about Christ.

31. Read Exodus 20:18-26 and write what all of the people did when they saw the thunder and lightning on the mountain.

32. Explain why people who try to please God in their own strength will never have peace in their lives.

33. Explain how the peace of God has changed your own life as you are learning to follow Him.

Here, we see that the people were afraid to stand in the presence of God. Then, the people asked Moses to speak to them instead of having God speak to them. They said that they were afraid to hear God speak and promised to listen to Moses instead. Today, many people are like the people in the day of Moses. They do not want to hear God speak to them. They fail to study the Word of God so that God can speak to them. They would rather listen to the ideas of human leaders even when those ideas do not agree with the Bible.

34. Read Exodus 20:18-26 and write why Moses told the people that they did not need to be afraid.

35. Explain why we as Christians do not need to be afraid to stand in the presence of God now or in the future.

36. Explain why you are thankful that because of your right relationship with Christ that you are looking forward to standing before God.

We see in these verses that no one needs to be afraid of God speaking to them. God always has a purpose when He speaks to us. His purpose is to help us grow and become strong, mature Christians. His purpose is not to fill our lives with fear. We also see that God wants us to be close to Him so that we will not live in sin. When we spend time in fellowship with the Lord, Christ is able to give us victory over temptation so that we do not sin. When we study the Word of God, it will give us strength instead of fear. In fact, we continue to grow stronger as we study and obey the Word of God in our daily lives as we learn to walk with God.

37. Read Exodus 20:18-26 and write what kind of an altar the people were told to make when they offered sacrifices to God.

38. Explain why people do not need to have fear in their lives if they are learning to really listen to the Lord.

39. Explain why you are able to have peace as God speaks to you through His Word.

God also reminded the people again that they were not to make gods of silver or gold. It is very easy for people to begin worshiping things instead of worshiping God. As a result, God warned His people many times not to begin to worship things. God also told the people of Israel that He had given them the animals to offer as sacrifices. We know that these sacrifices were to cover their sins until Christ died to take away their sins. When John the Baptist introduced Christ in John 1:29 he said, "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." The Old Testament sacrifices could never take away sin. They could only cover sin until Christ came to take sin away by paying the penalty for sin. They were told to offer these sacrifices on altars of dirt or stone.

40. Read Exodus 20:18-26 and write why the people were told not to use hewn (cut) stones to build their altars.

41. Explain why God warned the people of Israel in several different ways that they were not to worship things.

42. Explain why it is important for you to know that you came to God through the Lamb of God that He provided.

Now, reread Exodus 19:1-20:26 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 9
Exodus 21:1-22:31

In this lesson, and our next lesson, we will be studying some of the laws that God gave to the nation of Israel so that they would know what to do. Since the people of Israel had been slaves in the land of Egypt for so long, God begins this section by telling the Israelites how they should treat their servants. This was very important because it would have been easy for them to treat others the way that they had been treated. Instead, God wanted them to learn to treat their servants with respect. Then, we have the judgments given for those who hurt each other. This is followed by laws against those who damage the property of others. Finally, we are given laws about the relationship of the people to other people.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain how the Israelites were to treat their servants.
- Explain what God says about those who hurt or kill others.
- Explain what God says about damage to the property or possessions of others.
- Explain what God says about our relationships to others.

As we begin our study today, we see that God gave several laws to protect a person that was working for another man. First, we have instructions about a servant that was a Hebrew (Israelite). The Israelites were not to make other Israelites serve as slaves throughout life. Instead, they were to give a servant his freedom after he had worked for his master for six years. That servant was also to enter back into his regular life with everything that he had when he first became a servant. If he had been married when he became a servant, his wife would also go free with him at the end of six years.

1. Read Exodus 21:1-11 and write how a servant would go out if he had become a servant by himself.
2. Explain how God protected the Israelites who became servants so that they were treated with respect and not as slaves.
3. Explain how this helps you to understand that God wants you to treat every person with respect.

Sometimes, a master would buy a wife for a servant. Then, that servant had a choice when he had completed his six years of work. He could choose to remain as a servant because of his love for his master, wife and children. When a man chose to remain as a servant, he was called a love servant. He would go to the gate of the city and have the leaders put a hole in his ear to show that he was a love servant that wanted to serve his master for his entire life. When we place our trust in Christ, we are actually becoming His love servants and our desire should be to serve Christ forever. We choose to serve Christ out of love because of the love that Christ showed for us by paying the penalty for our sin by His death on the cross.

4. Read Exodus 21:1-11 and write how a maidservant (woman) was different from a manservant.
5. Explain why God made a provision so that a person could choose to become a love servant that wanted to serve his master for his entire life.
6. Explain why it is your desire to be a love servant of Christ and serve Him for your entire life here on earth.

In the time of the Old Testament, the men had to buy their wives. In order to protect these women, God gave certain regulations to the Israelites so that they would treat them with respect and not treat their wives like cattle as many of the foreign nations did. A man could not sell his

wife to someone from a foreign nation if he became dissatisfied with her. Instead, she had to be given her freedom. The man who bought a wife for his son had to treat her the same way that he treated his own daughters. If a man had more than one wife, he was to give just as much to the first wife as he gave to her before he took another wife.

7. Read Exodus 21:1-11 and write the three things that he was to provide for his first wife if he took another wife.

8. Explain what these verses teach about the way that God protected both male and female servants.

9. Explain why you are thankful that God gave regulations that were designed to help the men learn to treat the women with respect.

God goes on to give instructions about hurting others. In these verses, we see that God shows that there is a difference between murder and manslaughter. A man that hit another man and killed him was to be put to death because he was guilty of murder. However, if a man accidentally killed another person, then the one who had accidentally killed the other person could run to a city of refuge where he would be protected until he could have a fair trial. If it was determined that the death was accidental, the person had to remain in the city of refuge until the death of the high priest. A kidnapper was also to be put to death. A person that killed his parents was to be put to death also.

10. Read Exodus 21:12-36 and write what was to happen to a person that cursed his parents.

11. Explain why God made it clear that there is a difference between murder and manslaughter.

12. Explain why you think that even those who killed a person accidentally had to remain in the city of refuge until the death of the high priest.

In these verses, we see the importance of honoring and respecting our parents. As long as the Israelites obeyed this law, they had no problem with rebellious children. We also read what happened when one man injured another in a fight but did not kill him. If a man injured another man, he was to pay him wages for the loss of his time until he was completely healed. A man who killed a servant was also to be punished. This caused men to treat their servants with kindness instead of doing evil to them. If a servant was hurt but lived for a period of time, then the master was not punished but he lost the value of that servant so that it still cost the master money.

13. Read Exodus 21:12-36 and write what happened to a man that caused a woman to have a miscarriage.

14. Explain why these verses show that God desires for children to honor and respect their parents.

15. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to have a real respect for your parents even if they were not always ideal parents.

If a man hurt a woman so that she died, then that man was to be put to death. If a man damaged an eye or knocked out a tooth of another person, he was to have the same thing done to him. In fact, everything a person did to another person was to be done to the person who was guilty of hurting the other person. If a person damaged an eye or knocked out a tooth of a servant, the servant was to be set free. If an ox killed a person, that ox was to be put to death. If a person had been warned that his ox was dangerous, then the owner of the ox was also to be put to death if that ox killed another person.

16. Read Exodus 21:12-36 and write what happened if an animal fell into a hole that a person failed to cover.

17. Explain why the law required an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth for those who injured others.

18. Explain why you realize that the laws of justice must require that a penalty be paid for crimes.

We also see that a man was responsible if he caused injury to the animals of a neighbor. A man was also responsible if his animals injured the animals of a neighbor. Today, we live in a day when many people do not care what happens to their neighbors or the possessions of their neighbors. As Christians, we have a responsibility to show Christian love to a neighbor even though many people do not show love to us. Even though the laws of the world do not require love and concern for neighbors, as Christians we are commanded to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We are commanded to love other Christians as Christ has loved us.

19. Read Exodus 21:12-36 and write what happened if a person owned an animal that had injured other animals before and then did it again.

20. Explain what lessons you learn from these verses about the concern the people were to have for their neighbors.

21. Explain why these verses help you to realize that we also need to have a real concern for our neighbors today.

We go on to read about those who damage the property of others. A thief was required to pay back at least four times as much as he had stolen. If a thief was killed while he was stealing at night, the one that killed him was not punished. During the day they were to catch the thief rather than kill the thief. If a man could not pay the required amount for his stealing, he was to be sold as a servant. If a man allowed his animals to eat the field of another man, he was to repay the man with the best crops from his own field.

22. Read Exodus 22:1-15 and write what a man was required to do if he started a fire in the field of another man.

23. Explain why a thief either had to pay back four times as much as he had stolen or else be sold to serve as a servant for six years.

24. Explain why you think that this kind of punishment would help to keep the amount of thefts at a low level.

Here, we see again that people are responsible for the things that they do. We also read what God says to those who borrowed something from another person. They were responsible for the thing that they had borrowed even if that thing was stolen by another person. This was to prevent a person from borrowing something, hiding it and then telling the owner that someone had stolen it. As Christians, we need to make certain that we return anything that we borrow or else replace it or pay the cost of it.

25. Read Exodus 22:1-15 and write how much a man was to pay if the judges convicted him of keeping something that belonged to his neighbor.

26. Explain why it is important for laws to make people responsible for the things that they do when they break the law.

27. Explain why you think that God said that people were responsible for the things that they borrowed from others.

The one time that a person did not have to pay back his neighbor was if he had borrowed an animal and the animal was killed by wild animal. In that case, he was to bring the remains of the body of the animal to the judges. Then, the judges had to determine whether the animal was killed by a wild animal. Then, they would declare him innocent. If a man came and worked for wages using his own animal, then that animal was hired and the owner was responsible for the animal because he was the one working with the animal.

28. Read Exodus 22:1-15 and write why a man did not have to pay for an animal that was working under the supervision of its owner.

29. Explain why the Lord made an exception for a borrowed animal if that animal was killed by a wild animal.

30. Explain why you think that an animal that was used in work by his own master was considered hired and not borrowed.

God also tells what should be done when a man had sexual relationships with a girl who was not married. The father of the girl was given the responsibility for making the decision. If the father felt that the man would make a good husband for his daughter, the father would allow them to be married and the man would pay the father the usual price for a wife. However, if the father felt that the man would not make a good husband for his daughter, he could still require the man to pay the price for a wife, even though he did not allow the man to marry his daughter.

31. Read Exodus 22:16-31 and write what God says about a witch.

32. Explain why the father was the one given the responsibility to determine whether a man who had sexual relationship with his daughter would make a good husband or not.

33. Explain why you think a man who had a sexual relationships with a girl had to pay the price for a wife whether the father allowed him to marry her or not.

God speaks of several groups of people who were to be put to death. First, God mentioned witches. Witches are those who cast evil spells on others and do other forms of evil through the power of demons. Those who tried to have sexual relationships with animals were also to be put to death. This was a common practice among the false religions of that day. God also said that those who offered sacrifices to false gods were to be put to death. God also spoke of the concern that the people were to have for the needy. They were not to do evil to a stranger as the Egyptians had done evil to them when they were strangers in Egypt.

34. Read Exodus 22:16-31 and write what God said they should not do to widows and children.

35. Explain why God said that those who practiced witchcraft or worshiped idols should be put to death.

36. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to have a real concern for the poor and needy.

God gives a real warning to those who might do evil to a widow or to a child whose father had died. God said that He would kill those who tried to take advantage of those who were unable to protect themselves. Then, their wives would become widows and their children would have no father. God also warned the people that they were not to charge interest when they loaned money to the poor. They were not to keep the coat of a poor man when they loaned money to him because he needed his coat to keep him warm.

37. Read Exodus 22:16-31 and write what the people were not to do to the ruler of the people.

38. Explain why it is very important to show real love and concern for the poor and the needy.

39. Explain why it is important for you in your life to be one who helps and protects the widows and the fatherless.

God also gives further instructions about our actions toward Him. We are not to speak evil of God. We are not to curse those who are leaders for God. We are not to put off or wait to give to God the things that belong to Him. Instead, we are to realize that God must come first in our lives. We should give to Him first even before we give to anything else. He gave us everything that we have and we should want to give part back to Him before we use anything for ourselves. Here, we see that God is to be first in our lives in all things.

40. Read Exodus 22:16-31 and write what holy men are told not to eat.

41. Explain why we are to have a real respect for God and also for our leaders that God places over us.

42. Explain why it is important to you to make sure that you make God the One that is first in your life.

Now, reread Exodus 21:1-22:31 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 10
Exodus 23:1-25:40

Today, we come to the section where we begin to study the instructions that God gave Moses for the worship of the people of Israel. We see that the people were to set aside one day each week to worship the Lord. This was actually set by God long before the law as He gave the example when He rested on the seventh day after He had completed the creation. The Jews were also to set aside one year every seven years to worship and serve the Lord. During the course of each year, the people of God also had three feasts to help them remember the Lord. Here, we see that every part of their lives was to be used to worship and serve the Lord.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the purposes of the Sabbaths and the feasts.
- Explain how God promised that He would get rid of the enemies in Canaan.
- Explain how God talked to Moses.
- Explain the meaning of the furniture in the tabernacle.

God gave Israel several instructions about evil. The people were not to give a false report about others. They were not to follow others to do evil. They were not to favor either a rich man or a poor man. If the people met the animal of an enemy, they were to return that animal back to its owner. They were not to twist what is true and right. They were to avoid the evil plans of men. They were not to take a bribe. Instead, they were to always do what they knew was the right thing to do. Finally, God said that they were not to do evil to someone from another country or race.

1. Read Exodus 23:1-33 and write what the people were told to do with their land in the seventh year.
2. Explain why it is also important for us to use the instructions given above as examples for our own lives.
3. Explain why you think that Christ has commanded us as Christians to avoid everything that even has the appearance of evil.

God said thirty-five hundred years ago that the people were to let their land rest and not have crops planted on it every seventh year. It was only a few years ago that people learned that they would have better crops and the land would produce more if they would let the land rest for a year every few years. In this sense we see that the land is just like us as people. God has created both people and the land so that we need rest in order to be the most effective. That is why God says that we are to use one day each week to rest. That way we can be more effective in our service for Him.

4. Read Exodus 23:1-33 and write how often the Israelites were to keep a feast to the Lord.
5. Explain why it is important for us to realize that both we and our land need rest in order to be most effective in what we do.
6. Explain why you think that God gave mankind an example of the need to rest one day each week.

The Israelites were to have three feasts each year. The first was the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This feast was held at the time of the Passover in the spring of the year. The second feast was to be held just after the people had planted their crops. The third feast was to be held just after the people had gathered all of their crops out of the fields. The purpose of these feasts was to remind the people that God is the One who supplied everything that the people had.

7. Read Exodus 23:1-33 and write what God promised to send before the Israelites to drive the

people out of the land of Canaan.

8. Explain why these three feasts would help to remind the people of Israel that God was the One that supplied the things that they had.

9. Explain why it is important in your own life for you to realize that the Lord is the One that supplies all of your needs.

The Lord promised to go before the people of Israel and drive out their enemies when they reached the land of Canaan. However, the people were to be obedient to God if they wanted complete victory. They were to completely destroy the gods of the people in Canaan. God also promised that they would receive great blessing from the Lord as they served Him. God said that the enemies would be driven out a little at a time so that the Israelites would be able to receive more land as their population grew. God actually gave the people a choice. They would have great blessing if they would serve Him. They would be punished if they chose to follow false gods.

10. Read Exodus 23:1-33 and write with whom the people were not to make any covenant.

11. Explain what these verses teach that a person or nation must do to be blessed by the Lord.

12. Explain why it is important for you to know that you will only be blessed by the Lord if you choose to be obedient to Him.

The Lord told Moses that he was to come up on the mountain so that he could receive the law. Again, the people were warned not to touch the mountain. Then, Moses spoke to the people and told them all of the words that the Lord had already spoken to him. The people said that they would do all that the Lord had spoken to Moses. Moses also wrote down all of the words that the Lord had spoken to him. The next morning, Moses built an altar. There, the people offered sacrifices to God. These sacrifices were burnt offerings and peace offerings. Moses put half of the blood from the sacrifices in basins.

13. Read Exodus 24:1-18 and write what Moses did with the other half of the blood that remained.

14. Explain what the people were promising to do when they said that they would obey all of the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses.

15. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to obey the words that the Lord has spoken to you in the Bible.

Moses also read the book to the people in which he had written the laws. This way all of the people knew what God wanted them to do. When the people heard Moses read the commandments of the Lord, they promised to do what the Lord had said for them to do. They promised that they would be obedient. Then, Moses sprinkled the blood in the basin on the people as a reminder of their promise to obey what God had said. Moses and the seventy leaders then started toward the mountain. As they went, they saw God standing on a piece of pavement made of sapphire stones.

16. Read Exodus 24:1-18 and write what God told Moses to do.

17. Explain why Moses sprinkled the blood on the people so that it would be a reminder of their promise to God.

18. Explain why we also need reminders so that we remember to keep the promises that we make to God.

God then called to Moses and told him to come up into the mountain so that He could give Moses a copy of the law on tablets of stone. Moses then took Joshua his servant and the two of them went up the mountain. They were on the mountain for a total of forty days. During this entire time the mountain was covered with a thick cloud. Moses was also told what to do with the law. He was to teach the law to the people. Here, we see the responsibility that God gives to every Christian leader. We are to teach the Word of God so that the people know, understand and learn how to apply the Word of God to their own lives.

19. Read Exodus 24:1-18 and write what God caused to cover the entire mountain as Moses prepared to go up into the mountain.
20. Explain why it is important for Christian leaders to teach the Word of God to the people.
21. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to be obedient to the Lord and teach the Word of God to others.

Moses also received the instructions for the building of the tabernacle. God told Moses what kind of people He wants to support the work of the Lord. God said that those who had a willing heart should be the ones that should give the money and materials for the building of the tabernacle. Today, there are some people who try to pressure people to give money to their church or organization. God only wants people to give because of the love of God in their hearts. If a person does not love God, it is useless for him to give anything to the Lord. We go on to read about the furniture that would need to be built and used in the tabernacle.

22. Read Exodus 25:1-22 and write the first piece of furniture that Moses was told to build.
23. Explain why God only wants people with a willing heart to give to Him for the work of the Lord.
24. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to give to the Lord with a willing heart.

This ark is known as the Ark of the Covenant. It was not a large ark. In fact, it was only about forty-five inches long. Then, it was twenty-seven inches wide and twenty-seven inches high. The wood of the ark was to be covered over with gold. This is one of the ways that the ark was a picture of Christ. The wood is a picture of the fact the Christ is human. The gold is a picture of the fact that Christ is God. Together they give us a picture of the fact that Christ is both God and man. As man, Christ could die for the sin of mankind. As God, Christ is without sin and so was a perfect sacrifice. We also see that there were rods (staves) attached to both sides of the ark.

25. Read Exodus 25:1-22 and write the purpose of the staves that were attached to the two sides of the ark.
26. Explain why it is important that the ark pictured the fact that Christ is truly God and also truly man.
27. Explain why it is important for you to know that Christ was able to be the perfect sacrifice for your sin.

God said that the law that He wrote on the stone tablets should be put into the ark. On top of the ark Moses was told to put the mercy seat. There were to be cherubim on each end of the mercy seat. The cherubim were to look similar to angels. They were to spread their wings over the mercy seat. Once each year the high priest was to come into the holy of holies in the tabernacle and put blood on the mercy seat as a covering for sin until the death and resurrection of Christ took away sin. This blood would be placed on the mercy seat above the tablets of stone that contained the law. The law showed that mankind is guilty of sin but the blood showed that God provided a covering for sin until Christ came to take away sin. There was also to be no image on the mercy seat where God promised to meet man.

28. Read Exodus 25:1-22 and write what God said He would do from above the mercy seat.
29. Explain why it was necessary for the blood to be placed over the law as a covering for sin until Christ came to take away sin.
30. Explain why you think that the people were not to make any image on the mercy seat.

The next piece of furniture that is mentioned is a table. We will learn later that it is called the Table of Showbread. Each week, the priests were to put twelve loaves of bread on this table, one loaf for each tribe. In the New Testament, we read that Christ is the Bread of Life so this table also gives us a picture of Christ. In fact, we will see that each piece of furniture gives us a picture of Christ. We read that this table was to be made of acacia wood and was to be covered over with gold. Again, this gives a picture of the fact that Christ is both man and God. This

table was to be thirty-six inches long and eighteen inches wide. It was to be twenty-seven inches tall.

31. Read Exodus 25:23-40 and write what the Levites were to use to carry this table when they moved it.

32. Explain why the bread that was placed on this table each week reminds us of the fact that Christ is our Bread of Life.

33. Explain why you think that God wanted them to place one loaf of bread for each tribe on the table.

Here, we see that God had the furniture of the tabernacle built so that it could be carried on the shoulders of the Levites. This was going to be very necessary for the next forty years as the people traveled through the wilderness. The staves (rods) were put through the rings on the corners of the furniture. Then, the Levites placed these rods on their shoulders. In this way, the furniture did not touch the ground during the time that it was being carried from place to place. We also read that there were special dishes that were to be placed on the table of showbread. These dishes were made of pure gold.

34. Read Exodus 25:23-40 and write when these dishes were to be on the table.

35. Explain why God had all of the furniture made in such a way that it could be easily carried by the Levites whenever it had to be moved.

36. Explain why it is important for you to know that God gave the exact pattern for each of the pieces of furniture that was in the tabernacle.

The next piece of furniture that is mentioned is the Golden Lampstand. Again, this lampstand gives us a picture of Christ. In the New Testament, we read that Christ is the Light of the Word. Christ is also called the True Light. Here, we see that this lampstand was to be made from one piece of pure gold. When Christ died on the cross, not a single one of His bones was broken. The fact that the lampstand was made from one piece of pure gold is a picture of the fact that Christ did not have a single bone broken.

37. Read Exodus 25:23-40 and write how Moses was to make sure that they made the golden lampstand.

38. Explain how each of the pieces of furniture that have been mentioned so far give us a picture of Christ.

39. Explain why it is important to you in your life to know that Christ is both the Light of the World and also the True Light.

We also read about the way that the lampstand was designed. The lampstand had seven lamps. Seven is a number that we see many times throughout the Bible. Usually when we see seven mentioned in the Bible, we see that God has given that number to something to show His completeness and perfection. We see that the lampstand had three branches on each side plus the lamp at the top. Moses was told to make certain that the lampstand was made according to the plan that God had shown him.

40. Read Exodus 25:23-40 and write how much gold was used to make the lampstand and its decorations.

41. Explain why Moses was told to make certain that the lampstand was made according to the plan that God had given to Moses.

42. Explain why you think that God had a specific plan and pattern for everything that was made for the tabernacle.

Now, reread Exodus 23:1-25:40 and write down the three most important lessons that you learn from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 11
Exodus 26:1-27:21

Today, we will be studying about many things that would be used to build the tabernacle in the wilderness. These things that were used in the tabernacle give us many beautiful pictures of Christ. As we study this lesson, we will also be discussing some of the lessons that we can learn about Christ from the building and materials in the tabernacle. As we look at the materials used for the tabernacle, we see that God had a perfect plan for the tabernacle just as He has a perfect plan for our lives.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what lessons we learn from the curtains of the tabernacle.
- Explain what we learn about the boards of the tabernacle.
- Explain what we learn about the veils of the tabernacle.
- Explain what we learn about the court of the tabernacle.

We begin our study today by looking at the curtains that were to be made and used for the tabernacle. The colors that were used in these curtains give us a beautiful picture of Christ. The curtains that faced the inside of the tabernacle were made of three colors. The blue in the curtains reminds us of the fact that Christ came from heaven. The purple in the curtains reminds us of that fact that Christ is the King. The scarlet (red) in the curtains reminds us of the fact that the blood of Christ paid the penalty for our sins. We also read how the curtains were connected together.

1. Read Exodus 26:1-14 and write what kinds of curtains covered the linen curtains of the tabernacle.
2. Explain why the colors used in the curtains of the tabernacle give us pictures of Christ.
3. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to know that Christ is your Lord and King.

These beautiful linen curtains made the inside of the tabernacle look very beautiful. However, linen curtains would soon rot if they were exposed to the rain, the heat, the dust and the other changes of weather. As a result, God gave three other coverings to protect these beautiful linen curtains. The first covering was to be made from the hair of goats. The hair of goats made a wonderful covering that offered excellent protection in case any water should come through the top coverings. God also tells us exactly how these curtains were to be connected to each other.

4. Read Exodus 26:1-14 and write what kind of skins covered the curtains of goats' hair.
5. Explain why God covered such beautiful curtains so that they could only be seen from the inside and not from the outside where people could see them.
6. Explain how the fact that God would see the inside of the tabernacle reminds you of the fact that God also sees what is going on in your heart and thoughts.

The Lord gives us a picture of the way that we are covered by His blood in these skins of rams that were dyed red. The blood of Jesus Christ completely covers and removes our sins at the moment that we place our trust in Christ. We have complete protection through the blood of Christ. God also told Moses to make a second covering of skins over the top of the rams' skins. The badgers that are mentioned here are probably not like the badgers that we know today but are sea animals instead. It was possible for the people to obtain skins of sea animals because they were close to the Red Sea.

7. Read Exodus 26:1-14 and write where this final covering would be placed when they set up the tabernacle.

8. Explain what lessons you learn from the instructions of the Lord for these curtains and coverings of the tabernacle.
9. Explain why you are thankful that the blood of Christ both covered and removed your sins so that you have complete protection through the blood of Christ.

God went on to tell Moses about the boards that he was to use for the frame of the tabernacle. We see that these boards were also made of acacia wood. Each board was to be fifteen feet high so this tells us the height of the walls of the tabernacle. Attached to the bottoms of these boards were two tenons (pieces that hooked into the silver sockets below the boards). From these boards we learn the size of the tabernacle. Once the tabernacle was set up, the sides of the tabernacle would be forty-five feet long and fifteen feet wide. This meant that there were twenty boards on each side and six boards on the back side.

10. Read Exodus 26:15-37 and write how many bars they were to make to hold the boards on each side together.
11. Explain why God gave very complete instructions for the tabernacle even though the tabernacle was not large but was actually a small building.
12. Explain why the size of the tabernacle helps you to realize that the place where we meet God is the important thing not the size of the building.

Four of the five bars that connected the boards did not go the entire length of one side. However, one bar ran the entire length of the side. This bar was the middle bar and tied the entire side of the tabernacle together. This gives us a wonderful picture of Christ. He is the One that holds everything together whether it is a home, a church or some other organization. Christ must be the center of a home or church if that home or church is going to be strong. Christ must also be the center of our individual lives if we are going to be effective for Christ.

13. Read Exodus 26:15-37 and write what Moses was told to use to cover the boards of the tabernacle.
14. Explain why the middle bar that ran the entire length of the side of the tabernacle gives us a beautiful picture of Christ.
15. Explain why it is important to you in your life to know that you have made Christ the center of your life.

The boards and the bars were all to be covered with gold. God also reminded Moses to be sure and build the tabernacle according to the plan that God was showing him on the mountain. We are reminded again of the fact that God has a perfect plan for our lives and we should follow that plan instead of trying to do things in our own way. As we follow the plan of God for our lives, we will experience the joy and happiness that comes from knowing that we are right with God. We will also see that the Lord is able to accomplish many things through our lives.

16. Read Exodus 26:15-37 and write what colors Moses was to use to make the veil of the tabernacle.
17. Explain why God emphasized to Moses several times that the tabernacle and the furniture in it were to be made according to the plan that God had shown Moses.
18. Explain why it is important to you in your life that you continually yield your life to Christ so that you can carry out the plan that He has for your life.

The tabernacle was to be divided into two parts called the holy place and the holy of holies. The Ark of the Covenant with the mercy seat on top of it was to be the only piece of furniture in the holy of holies. The high priest was to go past the veil and into the holy of holies only one day during each year. That day the high priest was to take blood as a covering for his own sin and place that blood on the mercy seat as a covering for his own sin. Then, he was to take blood and place it on the mercy seat as a covering for the sin of the people. Each year, the priest was to place this blood for his sin and for the sin of the people as a covering for sin until the time that Christ came to take away sin. When Christ died on the cross, the veil of the

temple was torn from the top to the bottom and we can now come directly to God at any time through the blood of Christ.

19. Read Exodus 26:15-37 and write what Moses was told to make for the door of the tabernacle.

20. Explain why it is wonderful that we can now come directly to God through the blood of Christ at any time.

21. Explain why you are thankful that the blood of Christ took away your sin and did not just cover it.

In addition to the inner veil of the tabernacle, there was also an outer veil or door for the tabernacle. This veil was to separate the holy place from the outside court of the tabernacle. This outer veil was also to be made of blue, purple and scarlet material. Surrounding the tabernacle was the outside court of the tabernacle. In this outside court was an altar called the bronze altar. This altar was also made of acacia wood. It was seven and a half feet by seven and a half feet. It was four and a half feet tall. This entire altar was covered with bronze.

22. Read Exodus 27:1-8 and write what was to be on the four corners of the bronze altar.

23. Explain why it was necessary to have an outer veil between the holy place and the court of the tabernacle.

24. Explain why you think it was necessary for the priests to go past the altar where they offered sacrifices before they went into the holy place each morning and evening.

God also gave instructions for the equipment that was to be used in the court for the offering of sacrifices on the altar. Moses was instructed to have the people make pans and shovels to remove the ashes. They were also to make pans and hooks to use in handling the sacrifices that were being burned on the altar. In order to keep the sacrifices from touching the ashes, there was a grate on the altar. Like the other pieces of furniture, the altar was to be carried. Staves (poles) of acacia wood covered with bronze were to be used to carry the altar.

25. Now, read Exodus 27:1-8 and write how the people were told to make this altar of bronze.

26. Explain why the bronze altar where they offered the sacrifices was to be built so that the ashes could be removed without touching the sacrifices.

27. Explain why you think that God even gave instructions about the pans and shovels that were to be used to remove the ashes.

We see that this altar and all of the things that were to be made to be used in connection with this altar were to be made of bronze. In Number 21, we read about the bronze serpent that the people were to look at when they were bitten by a snake. That bronze snake offered the only escape from judgment for those who had been bitten by the snakes because of their sin. That bronze snake was a picture of the fact that Christ offers escape from the judgment of sin according to John 3:14-16. This bronze altar was the place where men were to offer their sacrifices as a covering for sin until the blood of Christ took away sin.

28. Read Exodus 27:1-8 and write what the altar would be like in the center except for the grate.

29. Explain why this bronze altar was very important to the people from that time until the death and resurrection of Christ.

30. Explain why the bronze altar is a picture to you of the fact that Christ provided the escape for you from your sins.

Around the tabernacle was to be an area called the outer court. The bronze altar stood in this outer court. Surrounding this court were beautiful linen curtains. The court around the tabernacle was to be one hundred and fifty feet long and seventy-five feet wide. The gate of this outer court was to be on the east side of the tabernacle. This gate was to be thirty feet wide. A special curtain was to be made that could be used to cover the entrance to the gate.

31. Read Exodus 27:9-21 and write what colors were to be used for the curtain that covered the gate.

32. Explain why the Lord instructed Moses to build an outer court so that the people were separated from the tabernacle by this court.
33. Explain why you think that the Lord had the people make beautiful linen curtains for the outer boundary of this court.

Here, we see that the same colors were to be used over and over again. There is also something very important about the fact that the gate was on the east side of the tabernacle. Most of the religions of the world arrange their places of worship so that they face the rising sun as they worship. As a result, many of the religions of the world have a mixture of sun worship as a part of their worship. God so arranged the tabernacle so that the priests would always be facing west as they worshiped and led the people in worship. As the people gathered around the gate of the tabernacle, their backs would be to the rising sun.

34. Read Exodus 27:9-21 and write what kind of oil the people were to be told to bring for the tabernacle.
35. Explain why the tabernacle was arranged so that the people would have their backs to the rising sun when they came to the tabernacle in the morning.
36. Explain why the arrangement of the tabernacle shows you that God did not want the people to mix the worship of any object with their worship of God.

The golden lampstand was in the tabernacle. This lampstand had seven lamps on it. God said that these lamps were to burn continually. In order to keep these lamps burning, God said the people were to bring pure olive oil for the lamps. Many times in Scripture, we see that oil is used as a picture of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit comes into our lives at the moment of salvation, He remains within us continually. In fact, we are told that the indwelling Holy Spirit is the down payment and the guarantee of our eternal life. We know that the Holy Spirit will never leave us from that very first moment that we place our trust in Christ.

37. Read Exodus 27:9-21 and write what was to cover the pillars that held up the curtains of the outer court of the tabernacle.
38. Explain why you think that God told the people to bring pure olive oil for the golden lampstand.
39. Explain why you are thankful that once you become a Christian, you know the Holy Spirit lives in you continually.

As we look at the details given to Moses for the building of the tabernacle, we see that God gave very specific details about the building of the tabernacle. God had a purpose and a plan for giving such details. That purpose was to show that God is a God of order. He does everything according to a plan. God also has a perfect plan and purpose for our lives. If we will let God lead our lives according to His plan, our lives will be used by the Lord to accomplish much. We also see that God had a second purpose for the plan of the tabernacle. In the book of Hebrews, in the New Testament, this plan is used to teach us many things about Christ.

40. Read Exodus 27:9-21 and write how long God said that these statutes that He gave to His people would last.
41. Explain how these chapters about the plans for the construction of the tabernacle teach us that God is a God of order.
42. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to know that God has a plan for your life that will give your life purpose and meaning.

Now, reread Exodus 26:1-27:21 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 12
Exodus 28:1-29:46

As God gave Moses the instructions for the tabernacle, God told Moses to appoint Aaron as the high priest to lead the people in the worship of God. God also said that Aaron was to wear certain clothes as he served as the high priest. We will be studying about those clothes and will learn their meaning and purpose. In our study, we will also learn about the dedication service that the people of Israel were to have for the priests as the priests prepared to take the responsibilities that God had given to them to lead the people in the worship of the Lord.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

Explain the purpose of the various pieces of clothing that were to be made for the high priest to wear.

Explain the sacrifices that were to be offered for the priests.

Explain about the food that the priests were to eat.

In our last lesson, we learned about the instructions that God gave for the building of the tabernacle. Today, we will be studying the instructions that God gave about the priests that were to lead the people in their worship of God. First, we see that the priests were to come from the family of Aaron. He and his sons were appointed as the first priests. Later on, their descendants would be the future priests of the nation of Israel. God said that special clothes were to be made for Aaron since he was to serve as the first high priest. The future high priests would wear the same kind of clothes. These clothes were to be for both glory and beauty. Then, God gave Moses a list of the clothes that the high priest was to wear.

1. Read Exodus 28:1-29 and write what kind of people were to make the clothes that Aaron was to wear.
2. Explain why the priests were to lead the people in the worship of the Lord as they offered their sacrifices.
3. Explain why you think that God said that the clothes of the priests were to be for both glory and beauty.

Here, we read about the kind of person that God is always looking for to do His work. God wants people who are filled with the Holy Spirit. Then, they will be wise because they will have the wisdom that is given by the Holy Spirit. The first piece of clothing that is mentioned is the ephod. The ephod was like an apron with two pieces, one piece was to be in the front of the high priest and one piece would be on the back of the high priest. The two pieces would be held together by shoulder straps. Then, two onyx stones were to be attached to these two straps. On these stones were to be written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. As the high priest, Aaron went into the tabernacle to speak to God for the people of all twelve tribes.

4. Read Exodus 28:1-29 and write what piece of clothing is mentioned after the ephod.
5. Explain why the Lord wants people who are filled with the Holy Spirit to do His work in the world.
6. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to be walking in the Spirit so that you are filled with the Spirit.

The breastplate was made of the same materials as the ephod. In addition to the blue, purple and scarlet that were used throughout the tabernacle, these pieces of clothing also included gold. This breastplate was to be worn on the chest of the high priest. It was a square piece of material about nine inches by nine inches. On the breastplate, there were twelve stones in four rows of three each. The names of each of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on these

stones. The breastplate was attached to the ephod by two golden chains that were hooked with golden rings on the upper corners of the breastplate.

7. Read Exodus 28:1-29 and write what was to be used to hook the rings on the ephod to the rings on the breastplate.

8. Explain why the high priest was to have the names of the twelve tribes of Israel both on the ephod and on the breastplate.

9. Explain why you think that God wanted the high priest to have the names of the tribes of Israel close to his heart.

Here, we see that the ephod and the breastplate were connected together by a beautiful string of lace. The reason for this breastplate is also given. The high priest was to go into the tabernacle with the names of all of the tribes of Israel with him. As we see the breastplate and the ephod together, we have a beautiful picture. The ephod had the names of all of the tribes on the shoulders of the high priest which was a place of strength. However, the breastplate also put the names of the tribes of Israel close to the heart of the high priest. This was the place of love. Christ is both our source of strength and also the One that loves us with an everlasting love.

10. Read Exodus 28:1-29 and write what the breastplate was to be as Aaron went into the holy place.

11. Explain why both the breastplate and the ephod were very important as the high priest wore them into the tabernacle.

12. Explain why it is important to you to know that Christ loves you with an everlasting love.

Inside the breastplate were placed the Urim and Thummim. We do not know what the Urim and Thummim looked like. In some way, God used the Urim and Thummim to guide the high priest as he made important decisions. During the time when the Old Testament was not yet written, God had to guide the people in different ways. Now, we have the Bible to guide us and show us what to do. Moses was also instructed to make a robe of the ephod. This robe was a woven piece of cloth with holes for the arms and head of the high priest.

13. Read Exodus 28:30-43 and write what color Moses was told to make the robe of the ephod.

14. Explain why God chose to guide Israel with the Urim and Thummim during the time of the Old Testament.

15. Explain why it is important to you to look to the Word of God to give you guidance in your life.

Blue was used to picture two things. We have already mentioned that blue pictures for us the fact that Christ came from heaven. Blue also speaks of separation. We are to be separated from sin and separated to the Lord when we put our trust in Christ. On the bottom of the robe were golden bells and pomegranates. The bells were to let the people know where the high priest was and what he was doing when he went into the tabernacle. That way if the priest did something wrong the bells would stop ringing and the people would know that something had happened to the priest. The pomegranates were to be between the bells so that they would not strike together and cause discord. The high priest also had a headdress with a plate of gold on the front of it.

16. Read Exodus 28:30-43 and write what was written on this plate of gold.

17. Explain why it was important for the priest to have the bells on his garment so that the people would know what was happening when the priest was in the tabernacle.

18. Explain why it is important for you to know that the Lord set you apart to serve Him from the moment that you placed your faith in Christ.

God had chosen the people of Israel to be a holy nation that served and worshiped Him. The high priest was to lead the people by setting an example of holiness. He was also to come before a holy God for the people. We also read about the clothes that the sons of Aaron were to wear. These clothes were made of fine linen similar to the material used throughout the

tabernacle. Again, we read that these clothes were for glory and for beauty. These clothes were to be worn by the priests at all times when they were fulfilling their duties as priests.

19. Read Exodus 28:30-43 and write why the priests were to wear these clothes when they were carrying out their ministry.

20. Explain why it was important for the people of Israel to realize that they were a holy nation that had been set apart to serve God.

21. Explain why it is important in your own life to live a holy life so that your service for the Lord will be effective.

The Lord then gave Moses instructions about the dedication service for Aaron and his sons. God said that they were to bring a young ox and two rams to offer as sacrifices at the consecration service. God also said that they were to bring bread and cakes that had no yeast in them. These things were to be brought to the entrance of the tabernacle. At the entrance to the tabernacle, Aaron and his sons were to be washed with water. After Aaron had been washed, they were to put the clothes of the high priest on him before he began his service as priest.

22. Read Exodus 29:1-25 and write what they were to pour on the head of Aaron at this consecration service.

23. Explain why it was important for the people to have a dedication service for Aaron and his sons before they started their service for God.

24. Explain why you think that God wanted the dedication service at the entrance to the tabernacle and not in the tabernacle.

This anointing oil was a symbol of the fact that Aaron had dedicated his life to the Lord to serve the Lord. Then, the robes of the priests were to be put on the sons of Aaron. When they offered the sacrifices, Aaron and his sons were to place their hands on the head of the ox before they killed him. When they killed the ox, they were to put the blood on the horns of the altar and beside the bottom of the altar. The fat of the ox was to be burned on the altar but the rest of the ox was to be burned outside of the camp as a sin offering.

25. Read Exodus 29:1-25 and write what they were to do with the first ram after they had sprinkled its blood on the altar.

26. Explain why it was important for Aaron and his sons to place their hands on the head of the ox before they killed the ox.

27. Explain why you think that it was important for the sin offering to be burned outside of the camp.

The first ram was to be a burnt offering that was to be given entirely to the Lord. We will learn the meaning of the various offerings in the book of Leviticus. Aaron and his sons were also told to put their hands on the head of the second ram. Blood from this ram was to be placed on the right ear, the right thumb and the big toe of the right foot of Aaron and his sons. This ram was to be a ram of consecration (dedication to the service of the Lord). The bread was to be used as a wave offering to the Lord.

28. Read Exodus 29:1-25 and write what Moses was told to do with the bread, the cake and the wafer of the wave offering.

29. Explain why God said to put blood on the right ear, the right thumb and the big toe on the right foot of Aaron and his sons.

30. Explain why you think that it is important for you to identify yourself as a Christian whose sin was paid for by the blood of Christ.

God also provided food for the priests. At the consecration service, they were to take the breast of the ram and wave it as a wave offering before the Lord. The reason that they were to wave this part of the ram was to dedicate this part of the ram as food for the priests to eat. Each time the people offered a peace offering in the future, they were to give the priests the breast of the ram as food for the priests. This was one of the ways that God provided for the needs of those

who served Him.

31. Read Exodus 29:26-46 and write where Aaron and his sons were to eat the flesh of the ram.
32. Explain why one of the ways that God chose to provide food for the priests was for them to receive the breast of the peace offering for their food.
33. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to know that God will provide what you need as you serve Him.

The ram was to be boiled and then eaten by the priests at the door of the tabernacle. They were to eat all that they wanted of the meat. However, they were not to allow any of the meat to remain until the next day. Anything that was not eaten and remained was to be burned with fire. God also said that this time of consecration was to last for seven days. Each day during these seven days they were to offer an ox as a sin offering. As the servants of God who were offering sacrifices for the people, they needed to be men that had confessed their own sins to the Lord before they could lead the people to confess their sins to the Lord.

34. Read Exodus 29:26-46 and write what the priests were told to offer as sacrifices every day.
35. Explain why any meat that was not eaten by the priests was to be burned with fire and not allowed to remain.
36. Explain why you think that it is important for spiritual leaders to confess their own sins so that they can lead people by example.

Here, we see that one of the responsibilities of the priests was to offer a lamb every morning and every evening as a sacrifice to the Lord. This offering was to be an offering that was to be a sweet smell to the Lord. The reason why it was a sweet smell to the Lord was the fact that it was a picture of the dedication of the people to God. Today, as Christians, it should also be our desire to totally dedicate our lives to the Lord. God has given our lives to us so that we can serve the Lord. Our desire in life should be to put the Lord first in our lives and serve Him in all that we do. An obedient Christian will be serving the Lord every day and not just once a week.

37. Read Exodus 29:26-46 and write where God told Moses that He would dwell in relation to the nation of Israel.
38. Explain why the greatest desire of our lives should be to serve the Lord and carry out the ministry that He has given to each one of us.
39. Explain why you think that it was important for the priests to sacrifice a lamb every morning and every evening.

God also promises blessings to those who dedicate their lives to Him. God promised the nation of Israel that He would meet with them and speak to them. God said that He would live with His people and be their God. Then, the people would know that it was the Lord their God that had done great things for them. Today, these same wonderful promises can be applied to us as we faithfully serve the Lord. God is with us. He speaks to us through His Word. He gives us many blessings day by day. Most important of all we have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us as the down payment and guarantee of our eternal salvation.

40. Read Exodus 29:26-46 and write why God said that He had brought the people of Israel out of Egypt.
41. Explain why it is important for every Christian to know and understand that Christ has placed the Holy Spirit in us so that He can dwell with us.
42. Explain why it is important to you in your life to know that the Lord is with you at all times and that He will never leave or forsake you.

Now, reread Exodus 28:1-29:46 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 13
Exodus 30:1-32:35

Today, we will learn about the fact that God uses those who have the Holy Spirit in their lives to do His work. When we become Christians, Christ places the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we yield our lives to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to have control in our lives, the Holy Spirit gives us the wisdom and power to do the work of the Lord. We also see that God gives people different abilities and talents so that they can serve the Lord effectively. People were given many different abilities and talents in the Old Testament in order to build the tabernacle and its furnishings. We will also learn what Moses did when he saw the rebellion of the people against God.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what God said about some of the furniture in the tabernacle.
- Explain what kind of people God used to build the tabernacle.
- Explain what Moses did when he saw the sin of the people.
- Explain how God judged the sin of the people.

Today, we will learn about several of the other pieces of furniture that were to be built for the tabernacle. The altar of incense was made of acacia wood and covered with gold. It was to be placed in the holy place so that only the veil separated it from the mercy seat in the holy of holies. The priests were to burn incense on it every morning and every evening at the time that the lamps had fresh oil added to them. This was also the time when the morning and evening sacrifices were to be offered. The incense is a picture of prayer. We must pray and fellowship with the Lord every day if we really want to experience the blessing of the Lord.

1. Read Exodus 30:1-22 and write what every man was told to give to the Lord when Moses numbered the people.
2. Explain why the fact that the incense was to be burning continually on the altar of incense is a reminder to us that we need to pray to the Lord daily.
3. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to know that you can pray both daily and throughout the day to the Lord.

God did not forget anything. Because He is God, He always remembers everything. Here, God told how the money should be provided for the daily care of the tabernacle. All of the men that were twenty years of age or older were to give a half shekel once a year. The shekel was a very small piece of silver that every person could afford to pay even if he was very poor. For this reason, the rich person and the poor person were both supposed to pay the same amount. They were all to give the same amount to make atonement for their souls. Here, we see that it does not matter whether a person is rich or poor. Everyone is accepted by God.

4. Read Exodus 30:1-21 and write what other piece of furniture Moses was told to make in these verses.
5. Explain why all of the men were to give a half shekel each year to make atonement for their souls.
6. Explain why it is important to you to know that God will accept everyone that comes to Him through Christ by faith.

The laver was the place where Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet before they went into the tabernacle. God said that they were to have clean hands and feet as they offered a sacrifice. Otherwise they would die. We also see an application for us today as Christians. We need to confess our sins each day so that it is not necessary for God to bring judgment on us

because we allow unconfessed sin to remain in our lives. In the New Testament, we see that if we allow unconfessed sin to remain that it may be necessary for God to judge us with sickness or even with physical death.

7. Read Exodus 30:1-21 and write how long the priests were to continue to obey this instruction to wash their hands and their feet.

8. Explain why the purpose of the laver in the Old Testament gives us an important lesson for today.

9. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to make sure that you do not allow unconfessed sin to remain in your life.

God then gave instructions about a special combination of spices that Moses was to make to anoint the tabernacle and the furniture of the tabernacle as well as Aaron and his sons. These spices were to be combined in such a way that they would make an oil for use in anointing these various things and people. God also said that no person was to try and duplicate that oil or that person was to be removed from the people. Many people today try to duplicate the work of the Lord through their own efforts. However, our own efforts will always come short of the requirements of God.

10. Read Exodus 30:22-38 and write what other thing Moses was told to make from these spices.

11. Explain why God did not want any of the people to try and duplicate the oil that was to be used in the tabernacle.

12. Explain why you know that the efforts of man will always come short of the requirements of God.

This incense was to be burned on the altar of incense. We read that this incense was to be made of spices that were beaten so that they were very fine. Again, the people were warned not to make this incense for themselves. It is very easy for people to develop their own religion and try to reach God through their own efforts. Here, we see that we are not to try and imitate the work of God. We are not to try and reach God through our own way or produce our own religion. Such efforts to reach God through our own strength will always fail.

13. Read Exodus 30:22-38 and write what God said would happen to the person that tried to make a smell like this incense.

14. Explain why people in any time in history could never reach God through their own efforts.

15. Explain why God makes it very clear to you that you cannot depend on your own efforts to try and please God.

God goes on to tell about the men that He had chosen to build the tabernacle and its furniture. Even though these men were doing something that was physical labor, God chose them because they met certain spiritual qualifications. These were men that were filled with the Holy Spirit. As a result, the Holy Spirit gave them wisdom, understanding and knowledge as well as the ability to do the work that God had chosen them to do. Today, God also wants Christians that are filled with the Holy Spirit. God still gives wisdom, knowledge and understanding to those who are yielding their lives to the Holy Spirit so that they are filled with the Holy Spirit.

16. Read Exodus 31:1-18 and write the name of the first man that God had given wisdom to build the tabernacle and its furnishings.

17. Explain why it is important for all Christians to yield to the Holy Spirit so that they are filled with the Holy Spirit.

18. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to be filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Then, God told Moses that the people were to keep the Sabbath (seventh day) as a day that was holy and set apart for the Lord. They were not to do any work on that day. God said that any of the Israelites who worked on the Sabbath day were to be put to death. God had given them that

day as a day of rest so that they could rest and worship the Lord. As a result, God gave a very strict penalty for any that would disobey the command of God and work on that day. God said that any person that worked on the Sabbath day was to be put to death.

19. Read Exodus 31:1-18 and write what God gave to Moses after He had finished speaking to Moses on the mountain.

20. Explain why God wanted the people of Israel to set apart one day each week for the Lord.

21. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to have one day that you set apart for the Lord each week.

Moses was on the mountain for a total of forty days. During that time the people forgot all about the promises that they had made to serve the Lord. Then, they asked Aaron to make them an idol that they could worship. Here, we see that Aaron was a very weak spiritual leader. He was not depending on the Lord either. When the people requested an idol to worship, Aaron told the women to give their golden earrings to him and he would make an idol from the gold. The people quickly brought their gold and gave it to Aaron. Aaron melted the gold and then used an engraving tool to make a golden calf for the people to worship.

22. Read Exodus 32:1-14 and write what the people said about the golden calf that Aaron had made for them.

23. Explain why you think that the people forgot their promises to God so quickly when Moses was on the mountain.

24. Explain why you think that Aaron was so willing to try and please the people by making the golden calf after he had seen what God did in Egypt.

Aaron also built an altar for the golden calf and said that the next day would be a feast to the Lord. Here, we see that people can mean different things when they speak about the Lord. Aaron said that they were worshiping the Lord as they worshiped the golden calf. Today, many people talk about serving the Lord when they are not talking about serving Christ. Instead, they are talking about serving some false god. The people of Israel made a feast for their false god. Then, they began to dance and commit immoral acts that went along with the worship of the false gods of Egypt.

25. Read Exodus 32:1-14 and write what God told Moses that the people had done while he was on the mountain.

26. Explain why it is important to make it clear that we are serving Christ when we talk about serving the Lord.

27. Explain why the worship of false gods often leads to various kinds of sin and immorality.

When God saw the sins of the people, He told Moses that He would destroy the people of Israel and make a great nation from the family of Moses instead. Then, Moses began to pray to the Lord for his people. He reminded the Lord of the way that the Lord had brought the people out of Egypt. Then, Moses said that the people of the nations would speak against God if He destroyed the people after He brought them out of Egypt. Moses also reminded God of His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Here, we see that Moses had a great concern for two things. First, he had a great concern for his people. Second, he had a great concern to bring glory to the name of God among the nations that surrounded that area.

28. Read Exodus 32:1-14 and write what the Lord did when Moses asked the Lord to remember His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

29. Explain what the prayer of Moses teaches us about the way that we should pray for our people.

30. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to pray earnestly for the salvation of people you know that have not yet trusted Christ.

After Moses prayed to God for the people of Israel, Moses started down the mountain with the two pieces of stone that had the commandments written on them. As Moses and Joshua came

close to the camp of Israel, Joshua said that he could hear a lot of noise in the camp. However, it was not the noise of war but the noise of singing. The people were singing and shouting and making much noise as they worshiped the golden calf that Aaron had made for them to worship.

31. Read Exodus 32:15-35 and write what Moses did with the tables of stone when he saw the sins of the people.

32. Explain why the people of Israel were having such a loud celebration as they worshiped the golden calf that Aaron had made.

33. Explain why you think that people often have loud wild parties when they are worshiping false gods.

Moses was very angry when he saw the sins of the people. First, he threw the tablets of stone from the mountain and broke them. Then, when he got to the camp of Israel, he took the golden calf and ground it to dust. He mixed this dust with water and made the people drink it. Then, Moses asked Aaron what had happened. Aaron immediately tried to pass the blame instead of admitting that he had done wrong. Aaron said that he had thrown the gold into the fire and the calf had come out of the fire. He did not admit that he had used an engraving tool to make the calf. We are also like Aaron when we fail to admit that we are wrong and blame someone else instead.

34. Read Exodus 32:15-35 and write what Moses said to the people as he stood in the gate of the camp.

35. Explain why Moses had such anger when he saw the sins of the people even though he had just prayed for the people before coming down the mountain.

36. Explain why you think that Aaron tried to place the blame on the people for his own sin of making the golden calf.

Here, Moses led the people to make a decision. Those who had their trust in the Lord were asked to stand up for the Lord. Then, Moses told those who stood for the Lord to go throughout the camp and kill those who were naked because of their worship of the golden calf. Then, those who stood for the Lord did as Moses said. That day, they killed about three thousand men. We see here that there were many people who had chosen to live in sin even after they had seen all of the miracles that God had used to bring them out of Egypt. They had forgotten the judgments that God had brought on Pharaoh because of his sin and rebellion. Now, they were showing the same kind of rebellion as they worshiped the golden calf.

37. Read Exodus 32:15-35 and write what Moses told the people he would do the next day because of their sin.

38. Explain what lessons these verses teach you about the sinful and rebellious nature of man.

39. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to choose to stand with the people who stand for the Lord.

The next day, Moses called for a day of dedication and turning back to the Lord. Then, Moses went back up on the mountain to pray for the people. Moses was even willing to die for the sake of his people. Here, we see that Moses had a great love for the people even though they were rebellious. This is a real example for our own lives of the kind of concern that we should have for others including those who are still in rebellion against God. When Moses said that he was willing to die for the sake of the people, God told Moses that every man would be judged for his own sins. Today, every person is still responsible for his or her own sins. People are condemned for their own sins. Here, we see that God said that the people would be punished for their sins.

40. Read Exodus 32:15-35 and write what God did to the people because they made the golden calf.

41. Explain what gave Moses such a great love for his people that he said he was even willing to die for the sake of his people.

42. Explain why it is important for you to share with others that they will be judged for their

sins if they refuse the forgiveness and eternal life that Christ offers.

Now, reread Exodus 30:1-32:35 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 14
Exodus 33:1-34:35

In our last lesson, we learned that Moses broke the tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments written on them that God had given him. Moses broke these tablets of stone when he saw the sins of the people as they worshiped the golden calf and committed immorality. Today, we will learn how God gave Moses another copy of the law. Again, God wrote the law on pieces of stone so that the law would be able to be kept permanently. God wanted His people to have the law written down so that it would be there to remind them of the importance of being obedient. God also wanted the law to be in the Ark of the Covenant directly underneath the mercy seat where sin would be covered with blood until the blood of Christ paid the penalty for sin.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain how God spoke to Moses in the tabernacle.
- Tell about the prayer of Moses.
- Explain why Moses was given a second copy of the law.
- Explain how Moses looked when he returned from meeting the Lord.

We begin our lesson by reading the promise that God gave to the people of Israel right after they had sinned by worshiping the golden calf. God promised that He would take the people of Israel to the land which He had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God also said that He would send an angel before Israel to drive out the people who lived in the land. God said that the land that He was going to give them was a land flowing with milk and honey. However, God said that He would not be among the people as they went up to that land because of their sin.

1. Read Exodus 33:1-11 and write what the people did when they heard that God would not be among them.
2. Explain why God reminded the people of His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob right after they had sinned.
3. Explain why it is also important for you to remind people of the promises of God when they confess their sin.

God said that the people had very stiff necks so He would not go among them or the people would be destroyed. We go on to read that Moses put up a temporary tabernacle that is called the tabernacle of the congregation. We will read about the building of the permanent tabernacle in a few chapters. This temporary tabernacle was set up outside the camp of Israel. Those who wanted to seek the Lord had to go out of the camp. Today, many people leave Christ out of their lives and do not make it a point to meet with the Lord. They do not make Him the center of their lives.

4. Read Exodus 33:1-11 and write what the people did when Moses went out to this tabernacle.
5. Explain why God told people that they were to go outside the camp to the temporary tabernacle when they wanted to worship Him.
6. Explain why it is important to you in your life to make Christ the center of your life.

When Moses went into the tabernacle, the pillar of cloud came down and stood at the entrance to the tabernacle. Then, the Lord began to speak to Moses. As the Lord spoke to Moses in the tabernacle, the people stood in the entrances of their tents and worshiped the Lord. The Lord spoke to Moses face to face just the way that friends speak to each other. Here, we see that the Lord is a friend of those who trust in Him. We do not need to be afraid to speak to the Lord

when we have our trust in Him because He is our friend. He will listen to us.

7. Read Exodus 33:1-11 and write who stayed at the tabernacle when Moses returned to the camp.
8. Explain why it is very important for Christians to understand that the Lord is our friend.
9. Explain why you are thankful that you do not need to be afraid to speak directly to the Lord.

We read about some of the things that were said as Moses and the Lord talked together. Moses realized that He needed help. He realized again that He could not lead and guide the people in His own strength. For this reason, Moses asked the Lord to show him the way to go. Moses also had a desire to know the Lord better. Even though we are serving the Lord, we also need to get to know the Lord better. The more we learn about the Lord, the more we realize how little we actually know. Moses also reminded the Lord that the people of Israel were the people of the Lord.

10. Read Exodus 33:12-23 and write what the Lord promised Moses about His presence.
11. Explain why Christian leaders today really need to seek the guidance of the Lord in order to lead others effectively.
12. Explain why the more you get to know the Lord, the more you realize how much you still have to learn.

Moses was given a wonderful promise that also applies to us today if we have placed our trust in Christ. As Christians, we know that Christ is with us at all times. He gives us peace and rest because we have placed our trust in Him. Moses then prayed that God would make the people a separate people who were set apart for God. As Christians, we are also set apart for the service of the Lord. God said that He would set the people apart as a nation to serve Him. God also said that He knew the people by name. God still knows the name of each person that trusts in Him. God takes a personal interest in every person that follows Him.

13. Read Exodus 33:12-23 and write what Moses asked the Lord to show him.
14. Explain why it is important for each Christian to understand that Christ has set him or her apart for the Lord.
15. Explain what it means to you in your own life to know that the Lord knows you by name.

As Moses prepared to lead the people from the desert into the land that God had promised, Moses requested a new vision of God. He wanted to see the glory of God. God agreed to let Moses see His glory. However, God said that Moses could not see the face of God or he would die. Then, God said that He would place Moses in a hole in the rock. There God would cover Moses with His hand as He passed by the rock. God said that after He had passed by that He would remove His hand so that Moses could see the back of God.

16. Read Exodus 33:12-23 and write what Moses would not see when God passed by him as God covered him in the rock.
17. Explain why you think that God told Moses that he would die if he saw the face of God.
18. Explain why it is also important for you in your life to see and recognize the glory of the Lord.

We go on to read that the Lord told Moses to make two new tablets of stone so that God could write the law on them. These were to replace the first pieces of stone that Moses had broken. Then, the Lord told Moses to get ready to come up the mountain to meet the Lord in the morning. Today, it is also good for us to meet the Lord each morning with a time of Bible study and prayer. That way we are prepared to serve the Lord throughout the day. The Lord also warned Moses to tell the people again that no one was allowed to touch the mountain.

19. Read Exodus 34:1-17 and write what Moses took in his hands as he went up the mountain.
20. Explain why the Lord was going to replace the copy of the law that Moses had broken with a new copy of the law.
21. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to have a daily time to meet the Lord

through Bible study and prayer.

The Lord met Moses as Moses came up the mountain. Then, the Lord spoke to Moses again. The Lord told Moses that He would show kindness and mercy to those who placed their trust in Him. However, God also gave a warning about those who continued to live in sin and rebellion. God said that their sins would affect their grandchildren and even their great grandchildren. Today, many people think that it does not matter if they sin because they are only hurting themselves. However, God reminds us here that sins can affect a family for several generations.

22. Read Exodus 34:1-17 and write what Moses did when God spoke to him on the mountain.

23. Explain why you are thankful that God has chosen to show kindness and mercy to all of those that have placed their trust in Christ.

24. Explain why you think that the sins of people will affect their children, their grandchildren and even their great grandchildren.

Moses realized that he must worship the Lord. Today, we also need to realize the importance of worshipping the Lord. He is the Creator of all things and deserves our worship and praise. Then, Moses spoke to the Lord again. He told the Lord that the people were sinful and did not walk in the way that the Lord wanted them to walk. Moses asked the Lord to forgive the people and walk among them. After Moses spoke to the Lord, God reminded Moses that He had made a covenant with the people. God said that He would do great wonders when He led the people into the land. Everyone would be able to see that the Lord was doing a great and powerful work as He helped Israel to take possession of the land.

25. Read Exodus 34:1-17 and write what God said the people should do with the things that He commanded them.

26. Explain why it is important for us to have compassion for people and pray for them even when they are living in sin.

27. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from the love and compassion of Moses for his people.

Israel was told to hear and then obey what God told them. Here, we see that we are to do more than just listen to the Word of God. We are also instructed to obey the things that God says. Then, God promised to drive out the people who were in the land. God also warned Israel not to make any treaties with the people who lived in the land. Such treaties would only cause the people of Israel to be tricked by the devil. God also wanted the people of Israel to destroy the false gods of the people who lived in the land so that they would not be tempted to worship them. God warned them not to marry or give their children in marriage to the people of the land.

28. Read Exodus 34:1-17 and write what God told the people that they were not to make when they came into the land.

29. Explain why you think that Israel was told to destroy the false gods of the other nations.

30. Explain why you think that it is very important for Christians to only marry Christians today.

God again reminded Moses about the times that the people were to set aside to worship the Lord. They were told to keep the feast of unleavened bread for seven days each year. The people were also to give the first-born of their cattle, oxen and sheep as a sacrifice to God. Instead of giving the first-born ass, they were to redeem it by substituting a lamb. Moses was also to instruct the people to bring an offering for the first son that was born to them. God also said that the people were to work only six days a week even during the busiest time of the year.

31. Read Exodus 34:18-35 and write how many times the men were to appear before the Lord.

32. Explain why God told the people that they could redeem their first-born ass by sacrificing a lamb in its place.

33. Explain why you think that God told the people of Israel that they were to bring an offering for the first son that was born to them.

Here, we see that there were three feasts each year when all of the men of Israel were to gather together before the Lord to worship Him. God wanted to remind the people about the things that He had done for them. Just as the people were to give the first of their flocks to the Lord, they were also to give the first of their crops to the Lord. Then, God told the people that they were to avoid the sinful ways of worship of the people in the nations around them.

34. Read Exodus 34:18-35 and write how long Moses was on the mountain with the Lord this time.

35. Explain why these three feasts show that it is important for people to gather together to worship the Lord and not just worship by themselves.

36. Explain why you think that God set aside three times each year when all of the men of Israel were to gather together to worship Him.

Moses spent nearly six weeks alone with the Lord. He was having such a wonderful time with the Lord that he did not even eat during that time. After Moses spent this time with the Lord, he came down from the mountain. The face of Moses shone very brightly because of the time that he had spent alone with the Lord. Everyone could see that Moses had been with the Lord. If we will spend time regularly with the Lord, our lives will also be changed. Other people will recognize that the Lord is changing our lives as we spend time with him.

37. Read Exodus 34:18-35 and write how the people of Israel reacted when they saw that the face of Moses was shining.

38. Explain why spending time alone with the Lord each day will also change our lives.

39. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to spend time with the Lord so that He can change your life.

The people were afraid when they saw the face of Moses shining so brightly. They refused to come close to him. Finally, Moses put a covering over his face. Then, the people came to him. When the people gathered around him, Moses gave them the commandments of the Lord. After Moses had spent time with the Lord, it was easy for him to speak the Word of God. This was true even though he had told God a few months earlier that he could not speak. Here, we learn an important lesson for our own lives. It will be easy for us to speak for the Lord when we have spent time alone with God letting Him speak to us.

40. Read Exodus 34:18-35 and write what happened to the skin on the face of Moses after he spent time with God.

41. Explain why it was easy for Moses to speak the Word of God after he had spent time with the Lord.

42. Explain why you will be able to share the Word of God with others if you are regularly spending time with the Lord in your own life.

Now, reread Exodus 33:1-34:35 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 15
Exodus 35:1-36:38

A few chapters ago, we studied the plan that was given to Moses for the building of the tabernacle. We saw that Moses was reminded several times to remember to build the tabernacle according to the plan that God had given him. Today, we will begin to study the actual building of the tabernacle. Our study will teach us about the way that the people gave to the Lord in order to build the tabernacle. We will also learn more about the men that were used by God to build the tabernacle. We see that these men were filled with the Holy Spirit. Then, we will begin to study about the building of the furniture that was in the tabernacle.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what kind of people God wanted to supply the materials for the tabernacle.
- Explain how the people gave for the building of the tabernacle.
- Explain how the curtains were prepared.
- Tell about the way that the boards and veils were made.

One of the things that has been emphasized several times in the book of Exodus is the importance of keeping the Sabbath. God wanted the people to realize the importance of resting one day each week. God said that any who worked on the Sabbath day were to be put to death. Today, God still wants us to set aside one day each week when we can worship and serve Him. It is very important for Christians to have one day each week when they can rest so that they will be more effective for the Lord throughout the rest of the week.

1. Read Exodus 35:1-19 and write who was to bring an offering to the Lord to build the tabernacle.
2. Explain why God said that the people of Israel were to put a person to death if he worked on the Sabbath.
3. Explain why you know that you will be more effective for the Lord if you take time to rest and be renewed by the Lord.

Today, there are some Christians that give to the work of the Lord because they feel that other Christians might say something if they do not give to the work of the Lord. However, God does not want us to give just because we feel that we have an obligation to give to the Lord. God will not bless us if that is our reason for giving. Instead, we see that God wants us to give because of the love that we have for Him in our hearts. He wants us to give willingly. When we give with a willing heart, then the Lord will bless us because we have the right attitude.

4. Read Exodus 35:1-19 and write who Moses said should make the things that the Lord had commanded.
5. Explain why it is important for people to give to the Lord because of love in their hearts instead of doing it because they feel obligated to give.
6. Explain why you think that the Lord wants a willing heart and a right attitude from you in your life.

Here, we see the kind of people who the Lord can use effectively to work for Him. God wants people who are wise-hearted. This means that they must depend on the wisdom that has been given to them by the Lord instead of trying to depend on their own wisdom. We see that God wants people who are depending on the Holy Spirit for guidance instead of trying to do things according to their own plans. Today, God still uses those who are depending on the wisdom that God gives. This is why it is very important for us to work under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and depend on the Spirit for guidance as we do the work of the Lord.

7. Read Exodus 35:1-19 and write what Moses said that the wise-hearted were to come and make.
8. Explain what these verses teach about the way that we should give our gifts to the Lord.
9. Explain why it is very important for you in your life to learn to do all that you do through the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Moses told the people all of the materials that would be needed for the tabernacle. Then, the people went back to their tents. However, they did not forget about the needs that Moses had listed. Instead, they went back to their tents to prepare an offering for the Lord. The Lord had worked in the hearts of many of the people so that they wanted to give to the Lord. They came with their gifts with willing hearts because they were allowing God to guide their lives. This is one reason a Christian leader does not need to beg for money. Instead, he should pray that the Lord will guide the hearts of others. Then, people will give with willing hearts because of their love for the Lord.

10. Read Exodus 35:20-35 and write what groups gave to help build the tabernacle of the Lord.
11. Explain why it is important for the Lord to work in the hearts of the people so that they have a desire to give to the Lord.
12. Explain why you want to give to the Lord out of a heart of love so that you give with a willing heart.

God uses both men and women who have put their trust in Him. We read that the people gave their jewelry for the gold that was needed. The men also looked through their possessions until they found the materials that were needed for the tabernacle. The wise-hearted women were also preparing their offerings for the Lord. The women prepared the materials that were needed for the curtains and coverings. The leaders also brought precious stones for the ephod and breastplate. Everyone who was willing did what he or she could do to help.

13. Read Exodus 35:20-35 and write the names of the men who were to supervise the actual construction of the tabernacle.
14. Explain why God wanted the people who gave to Him to give from a willing heart for the tabernacle.
15. Explain why you think that God gave both the men and the women the opportunity to participate in preparing the materials for the tabernacle.

God had given these men the necessary wisdom for the job that He wanted them to do. God will always give us the needed wisdom and understanding for the ministry that God has for us to do. We also learn another lesson about leadership here. God had given Moses the instructions for the building of the tabernacle. However, Moses did not take charge of the work himself. As a leader, he was responsible for many things. As a result, he allowed the Lord to guide him to the men that the Lord had equipped to lead the work. Then, he gave them the responsibility for the work. He trusted them to work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

16. Read Exodus 35:20-35 and write with what the Lord had filled these men that God prepared to lead the work.
17. Explain why it is important to train men to work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit instead of letting them become dependent upon you.
18. Explain why it is important to you to learn to work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As the Lord provided the materials through the gifts of the people, the work on the tabernacle began. However, the men that were building the tabernacle soon had a problem. The people continued to bring their gifts for the tabernacle every morning. These offerings were generous offerings that the people were freely giving. They were not holding back and hoping that someone else would give. Instead, they willingly gave their gifts to the Lord so that the tabernacle could be completed quickly.

19. Read Exodus 36:1-19 and write what the workers came and told Moses about their problem.
20. Explain what we learn about the giving of the people as they gave freely for the building of

the tabernacle.

21. Explain why it is important to give in your life as the Lord leads you to give and not wait for others to give.

Here, we see that the problem of the workers was the fact that the people were giving too generously for the work of the Lord. They gave so many gifts for the building of the tabernacle that the workers had more than enough. They could not even use all of the materials that the people had brought. The workers came to Moses and asked him to tell the people to stop giving. As a result, Moses had to make a new commandment telling the people to stop giving. Only after Moses made the commandment did the people finally stop giving.

22. Read Exodus 36:1-19 and write how much they had for the building of the tabernacle when the people stopped giving.

23. Explain what lessons we can learn from these people about the way to give to the work of the Lord.

24. Explain why it is exciting to realize that Moses had to ask the people to stop giving because they had given so much.

Today, most Christian leaders would probably be very happy to have the problem that Moses and the leaders of the work had. We never hear leaders today who say that the people have given too much. We go on to read that it was the wise-hearted men who made the curtains for the tabernacle. These curtains had loops to hold the curtains together so that the different curtains made one tabernacle. In the same way, today the lives and gifts of many different Christians in a church are held together by the Holy Spirit and make one body.

25. Read Exodus 36:1-19 and write the kind of curtains that are mentioned after the linen curtains.

26. Explain why it is important to know that those who work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be wise-hearted workers.

27. Explain why it is important for you to know that the Lord has given people different gifts and different abilities so that all of the work of the Lord can be done.

The tabernacle had two sets of curtains and two coverings of skins above the curtains. The beautiful curtains on the inside were made of fine linen. These curtains of linen were covered with curtains made from the hair of goats. On top of the goats' hair curtains was a covering made from the skins of rams. These skins were dyed so that they were red in color. Finally, the covering made from the skins of rams was covered with a covering made from the skins of badgers.

28. Read Exodus 36:1-19 and write how many bronze clasps were used to hold the curtain together and make it one complete unit.

29. Explain what these verses teach about the privilege of giving to the Lord for His work.

30. Explain why you think that the Lord built the tabernacle in such a way that the beauty was on the inside because of the coverings of skin.

We go on to read about the boards that were made for the frame of the tabernacle. These boards show that the tabernacle was not built to be a huge building. In fact, the tabernacle was not large in any way. The complete tabernacle was only fifteen feet high. Then, the tabernacle was fifteen feet wide and forty-five feet in length. Each board that made up the wall of the tabernacle was twenty-seven inches wide. On the bottom of each board was two tenons. The purpose of these tenons was to hold the boards in place. In this way, the tabernacle was built so that it would stand firmly. It could also be taken down and set up quickly as the people of Israel traveled through the wilderness on their way to the land of Canaan.

31. Read Exodus 36:20-38 and write how many boards were on each of the long sides of the tabernacle.

32. Explain why God made a tabernacle that was actually quite small (only 45 feet by 15 feet)

where He met the people.

33. Explain why you are thankful that the size of a building does not determine whether you can meet with the Lord.

There were twenty boards on each of the long sides. These were held in place by forty tenons which fitted into forty sockets. These sockets were made of silver. In addition to the tenons and the silver sockets, there was also one other thing that was done to help hold the boards firmly in place. The long walls were held together by five bars. The center bar ran the entire length of the side. These bars were made of acacia wood which was the same wood that was used for the boards of the tabernacle.

34. Read Exodus 36:20-38 and write what was used to cover the boards and the bars of the walls of the tabernacle.

35. Explain why it was important for the sides of the tabernacle to be held together by five bars.

36. Explain why you think that the Lord chose to give such detailed instructions about the way to build the tabernacle.

We mentioned earlier in our study of the book of Exodus that these bars and boards give us a picture of Christ. The wood gives us a picture of the fact that Christ is man. The gold gives us a picture of the fact that Christ is also God. As the God-man, Christ is able to speak to God for men. That is why we no longer need to be afraid when we have placed our trust in Christ. We know that Christ is speaking to the Father for us. When Christ speaks to the Father, He does not have to mention our works. Instead, Christ is able to speak of His work for us. Christ tells the Father that His blood paid the penalty for our sin and that we accepted that payment by placing our faith and trust in Christ. The Father says that He is satisfied with the payment and so that is why we are able to stand before the Father without sin.

37. Read Exodus 36:20-38 and write how the inner veil of the tabernacle is described for us.

38. Explain why it is important that Christ is both God and man.

39. Explain why it is important to you to know that Christ speaks for you and that the Father is satisfied with the payment that Christ made for your sin.

We go on to read about the veils of the tabernacle. The men who made these veils made them according to the pattern that God had shown to Moses in the mountain. The inner veil was the veil that separated the holy place from the holy of holies. The inner veil of the temple was the one that was ripped from the top to the bottom when Christ died on the cross for our sin. The outer veil was the veil that was used to separate the holy place from the outer court.

40. Read Exodus 36:20-38 and write how many pillars were used to hold the outer veil in place.

41. Explain why God chose to have the inner veil separate between the holy place and the holy of holies.

42. Explain why it is important to you to know that the inner veil was ripped from the top to the bottom when Christ died on the cross for our sin.

Read Exodus 35:1-36:38 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 16
Exodus 37:1-38:31

In our last lesson, we began to study about the actual building of the tabernacle. Today, we will learn about the building of much of the furniture that was placed in the tabernacle. We have already seen that these pieces of furniture give us many pictures of Christ. In our study of these chapters, we will learn some additional lessons from these pieces of furniture. We will also learn how much it cost to build the tabernacle and the furniture that was placed in the tabernacle.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

Explain what lessons we can learn from the Ark of the Covenant and the table of showbread.

Explain what lessons we can learn from the golden lampstand and the altar of incense.

Explain what lessons we can learn from the altar of burnt offering.

Explain what we learn about the cost of the tabernacle.

Bezalel was the man who built the Ark of the Covenant. We have already learned that God gave Bezalel special wisdom and understanding so that he could build the furniture of the tabernacle. This wisdom was given to him through the Holy Spirit. Here, we see that the Holy Spirit prepares people for many kinds of ministry that do not necessarily involve the use of spiritual gifts. The key that we see here is that the Holy Spirit was the source of that wisdom. Like many of the other parts of the tabernacle and furniture, the Ark of the Covenant was made with acacia wood that was covered with gold. This ark was to have three things put into it. Those things were the tablets of stone that had the law written on them, a pot of manna and the rod of Aaron. We will learn more about these things in the book of Numbers.

1. Read Exodus 37:1-16 and write what was used to make the mercy seat on top of the Ark of the Covenant.
2. Explain how the preparation of Bezalel for the work that God had for him to do shows that the Holy Spirit is the source of all godly wisdom.
3. Explain why you are thankful for the fact that the Holy Spirit has also given you spiritual gifts, talents and abilities to serve the Lord.

The mercy seat was made of pure gold because it was on the mercy seat that the requirements of a holy God were met. Because God is holy, He required the shedding of blood as a covering for sin. Of course we know that the blood placed on the mercy seat did not take away sin. Rather this blood was a covering for sin until the time that Christ died. When Christ died, His blood was the payment that took away sin because He was without sin. Only the blood of Christ is sufficient to remove the sin of any person in any period of time.

4. Read Exodus 37:1-16 and write how many cherubim were on the mercy seat that was on the ark.
5. Explain why the blood placed on the mercy seat could cover sin but could never take away sin.
6. Explain why it is important to you to know that when Christ shed His blood for your sin, His blood was able to take away your sin.

The mercy seat was built on the top of the Ark of the Covenant. The high priests put the blood on the mercy seat one day each year as covering for the sins of the people. First, he placed blood as a covering for his own sins and then he brought blood as a covering for the sins of the

people. One cherubim was placed on each end of the mercy seat. We read that the cherubim spread their wings over the mercy seat. The two cherubim faced each other. In addition, their faces also faced the mercy seat where the blood was placed each year. These cherubim were made from a single piece of gold.

7. Read Exodus 37:1-16 and write what was used to cover the table that is mentioned in these verses.

8. Explain why the law was placed in the Ark of the Covenant so that the blood placed on the mercy seat was also placed over the law.

9. Explain why it is important to you to know that the blood of Christ also blotted out your sin.

The table of showbread was the place where a loaf of bread was placed for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Fresh bread was placed on this table each week. As we mentioned earlier in our study of Exodus, this bread is a picture of Christ who is our Bread of Life. Truly Christ is the only bread that really satisfies. Christ meets our spiritual hunger so that we will never have spiritual hunger again. As we learn to trust Christ to supply our spiritual needs, we grow in our understanding of the life that we have in Christ and learn how to become more like Christ.

10. Read Exodus 37:1-16 and write what Bezalel used to make the utensils for the table of showbread.

11. Explain what the Ark of the Covenant, the mercy seat and the table of showbread teach us about Christ.

12. Explain why you are thankful that Christ is the Bread of Life that can satisfy your spiritual hunger.

We have already mentioned the fact that the lampstand is a picture of Christ, the Light of the world. As we think about the fact that Christ is our Light, we learn several very important lessons. We realize that before we met Christ we were in darkness and did not know where we were going. It is Christ that took away the darkness of sin that was in our lives. It is Christ that will also change the sinful hearts of other people by filling them with His Light. Because Christ is Light, He also makes us lights in the world so that we can shine for Him.

13. Read Exodus 37:17-29 and write how many branches were on the lampstand.

14. Explain why it is important that Christ is the Light that takes away the darkness of sin.

15. Explain how your own life is changing as you learn to walk in the Light more and more of the time.

The six branches each had a lamp at the end of the branch. In addition, there was also a lamp at the top of the main part of the lampstand. Each of these seven lamps had a bowl for the oil that was burned in that lamp. There were also golden flowers, almonds and knobs on the lampstand. The fact that there were seven lamps on the lampstand gives us another picture of God. Seven is the number that God uses for perfection or completeness. God is the One that is perfect. God is the One that completes all things. He does these things through Christ, the Light of the World. This should cause each Christian to rejoice.

16. Read Exodus 37:17-29 and write the name of the altar that was built in these verses.

17. Explain why God often uses the number seven in the Bible to show completeness or perfection.

18. Explain why you are thankful for the fact that the furniture in the tabernacle helps you to understand some of the names of Christ more fully.

The altar of incense was the place where incense was burned as a sweet smell to the Lord. In this way, the incense is a picture of the communion and communication that people can have with God. Just like a human father, God wants us to talk with Him and do those things that please Him. Today, we no longer burn incense. Our communication with God is through prayer. Now, we can come directly to God in prayer because Christ is our mediator that speaks to God for us. Christ is the One that paid our penalty so that He could be our mediator.

19. Read Exodus 37:17-29 and write what Bezalel used to make the anointing oil and the pure

incense.

20. Explain what lessons the golden lampstand and the altar of incense teach us about Christ.

21. Explain why you are thankful that you can personally talk to God and communicate with Him through prayer and Bible study.

We have just studied all of the pieces of furniture that were inside the tabernacle. Now, we come to the furniture that was in the court of the tabernacle. The piece of furniture that was closest to the entrance of tabernacle was the bronze altar (altar of burnt offering) with the laver in between it and the tabernacle proper. It was on this altar that the sacrifices were offered. Again, we are reminded of the fact that Christ is our sacrifice. Christ was the One that gave His life to pay the penalty for our sins. By the death of Christ and the shedding of His blood, the penalty for sin was paid. That is why the only thing that we need to do to have eternal life is to repent of our sin, accept that payment by Christ and believe in His resurrection.

22. Read Exodus 38:1-17 and write what was made on each of the four corners of the altar.

23. Explain why the altar of burnt offering reminds us that it was necessary for Christ to come as our sacrifice to take away our sin.

24. Explain how your life was changed when you accepted the fact that the blood of Christ was the payment for your sin and placed your trust in Him.

As we look at the altar of burnt offering, we notice several very interesting things about it. It was square. It had horns on each of the four corners. There were also certain tools that were made to be used in the offering of the sacrifices. Instead of a solid bottom, the altar had a grate. This made it possible for the ashes to fall below the altar so that they could be removed. Here, we are reminded again of the fact that God is a God of order who does things in such a way that there will be no confusion. The removal of the ashes would not hinder the sacrificing of the sacrifices.

25. Read Exodus 38:1-17 and write what type of metal was used for the altar of burnt offering and the laver.

26. Explain why the laver shows us the importance of confessing our sins daily so that we are cleansed.

27. Explain how the continual offering of sacrifices in the Old Testament helps you to understand why it was necessary for Christ to come to take away sin.

We have seen that bronze gives us a picture of Christ because this same metal was used to make the bronze serpent that Christ said was a picture of Himself. We also notice that it was gold that was used for the furniture inside the tabernacle while bronze was used for the furniture that was outside the tabernacle. The laver was also a very important piece of furniture. It was the place where the priests washed their hands before they offered the sacrifices. In order to be effective in our service for Christ, we need to confess our sins first. The priests washed their hands before they offered a sacrifice as a covering for sins while we confess our sins to Christ so that we will be effective as we serve Him. Confession of sins is something that we need to do every day and some days we need to confess many times during the day.

28. Read Exodus 38:1-17 and write what Bezalel made to go around the outside of the area where the sacrifices were offered.

29. Explain what the pieces of furniture in the court of the tabernacle teach us about Christ.

30. Explain why it is important for you in your life to know that when you confess your sins that Christ promises that He both forgives and cleanses you of sins.

We go on to read how the people made the curtains that surrounded the court of the tabernacle. These curtains divided the camp from the tabernacle. As a result, they give us a real picture of separation. When we put our trust in Christ, our desire should be to separate ourselves from sin so that we can live holy lives that please the Lord. This will give us great freedom as we serve the Lord. When we placed our trust in Christ, we were separated to Him for His service. Every

Christian is a servant of God and has the privilege of serving Him. This is a great privilege that we have been given by the Lord to have the opportunity to be a part of those who serve Him.

31. Read Exodus 38:1-17 and write the kind of material that was used for the curtains that surrounded the tabernacle.

32. Explain why Christians should want to live holy lives that are pleasing to the Lord and not continue to walk in sin.

33. Explain why it is important for you to live a holy life so that others will listen to you when you tell them about Christ.

Here, we see that the curtains that surrounded the court of the tabernacle were made of very beautiful material. This same material was used throughout much of the tabernacle. This included the material that served as the gate to the court of the tabernacle. We also notice that there was only one gate that led into the tabernacle. This is the way that it is with salvation. Christ is the only way that we can come to the Father. Christ is the only One that can give us salvation. There are not a variety of ways to God. Instead, each person must make the choice to place his or her trust in Christ because there is no other way to have eternal life.

34. Read Exodus 38:18-31 and write what was used to make the hanging for the gate of the tabernacle.

35. Explain why the fact that there was only one gate into the tabernacle is a reminder to us that Christ is the one and only way to come to God.

36. Explain why you are thankful that you chose to come to God through Christ so that you know for sure that you have eternal life.

We go on to read about the cost of the tabernacle. Even in the cost of the tabernacle we see a picture of Christ. The tabernacle cost the people money, materials and time. However, our salvation cost Christ His life. Just as the people gave willingly to pay for the cost of the tabernacle, Christ willingly gave His life to pay for the cost of our salvation so that we could have life. Christ was the obedient Son of His Father and gave His life to pay the penalty for our sins. Christ paid the greatest cost possible because Christ gave His life for our sins. This was even pictured in the tabernacle because the furniture of the tabernacle was placed in such a way that the pieces of furniture together formed a cross.

37. Read Exodus 38:18-31 and write how much each man was to contribute to the cost of the tabernacle.

38. Explain how the fact that the people gave willingly to pay for the cost of the tabernacle should be an example for us of how to give to the Lord.

39. Explain why you think that Christ was willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice of His life to pay for your sins.

Christ gave us an example of the way that we should give to the Lord. Christ gave His life. Many times we think that we have given enough to the Lord when we give some money for His work. However, the thing that Christ really wants us to give Him is our life by placing our faith and trust in Him. Once we do that we will have a desire to give Him our time and our service in thankfulness for the life that He has given us. Christ invites us to serve Him by taking the Word of God to others so that they will learn how to put their trust in Christ. We also see that every man contributed to the cost of building the tabernacle.

40. Read Exodus 38:18-31 and write how many men contributed to the cost of the tabernacle.

41. Explain why once we place our trust in Christ and begin to grow in Him that we will have a desire to give our time and service to serve Him.

42. Explain why you are personally thankful that you have the privilege of serving and showing your thankfulness to Him for what He has done for you.

Now, reread Exodus 37:1-38:31 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Exodus
Lesson 17
Exodus 39:1-40:38

Today, we will be studying our final lesson in the book of Exodus. We will begin this lesson by learning about the clothes that were made for Aaron, the high priest. Then, we will see that when all of the parts for the tabernacle were complete that the Lord gave the word for the tabernacle to be set up. Then, Moses had the people set up the tabernacle. The pieces of furniture were brought into the tabernacle and put in their places. When everything was done, the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what you learn about the clothes of the high priest.
- Explain what was done with the pieces of furniture for the tabernacle.
- Explain how the tabernacle was set up.
- Explain how the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

As we have been studying the building of the tabernacle, we have followed an interesting order. We began with God and the place where God meets man. Then, we studied the furniture which gave us many pictures of how God meets man through Christ. In each picture, we saw that it was Christ who did everything to purchase our salvation. We also saw that Christ is the only way to enter into eternal life. Now, we finally come to man. We see that Christ has already done everything to make it possible for man to come to God. That is why the only thing that man can do is accept what Christ has already done for man and place his faith and trust in Christ.

1. Read Exodus 39:1-21 and write what the men that God had appointed made for Aaron.
2. Explain how the fact that the New Testament says that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit show us that we can meet with God at any time.
3. Explain why you are thankful that Christ did everything that had to be done to make it possible for you to come to God.

In the New Testament, we read that God clothes us in the righteousness of Christ so that when we stand before God we will also have holy garments. The New Testament also tells us that every Christian is a priest of God. This means that the things that we learn about Aaron are pictures for our own lives. Aaron had the names of all of the tribes of Israel on stones that were placed on his shoulders. This was a constant reminder to him that he was to speak to God for the people. Today, we also have the privilege and responsibility to speak to God for the people in our lives. As we speak to God for them in prayer, we are also to speak to them for God.

4. Read Exodus 39:1-21 and write what kind of stone was used on the ephod for the names of the people of Israel.
5. Explain why it is important to know that the New Testament says that every Christian is a priest of God.
6. Explain what it means to you in your own life to know that God chose you to be a priest of God.

In addition to the stones on the shoulders of Aaron, there were also stones on the breastplate of Aaron. These stones had the names of all of the tribes of Israel placed close to the heart of Aaron. This was also to remind him to pray to God for the people. Today, we live among many people who have not yet placed their faith and trust in Christ. We also have the responsibility to pray and speak to God about the spiritual needs of these people. As the priests of God today, we are to pray to God for those spiritual needs and then speak to those people for

God. Just as the breastplate and the ephod were not to be separated from each other, these two responsibilities cannot be separated from each other in our lives.

7. Read Exodus 39:1-21 and write what they used to bind the breastplate to the ephod so that they would not be separated.

8. Explain what the ephod and the breastplate teach us about our responsibilities as the priests of God.

9. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to speak to God in prayer for the people you know and to share the Word of God as you speak to those people for God.

We go on to read about the other clothes that were made for Aaron, the high priest. There was a blue robe that Aaron wore. Blue spoke of separation. As Christians, we are set apart for the service of God. The robe had bells and pomegranates on the bottom so that the people would know every move that the high priest made especially when he went into the tabernacle. Today, those who are not Christians are watching every move that we make. They want to see if our actions agree with our words. Since we know that people are watching our lives, we need to pray and ask Christ to give us the strength to do what is right.

10. Read Exodus 39:22-43 and write what kinds of coats the people made for Aaron and his sons.

11. Explain why it is important for each Christian as he or she grows in Christ to learn that all Christians are set apart for service to God.

12. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to live so that your actions agree with your words when you speak about Christ.

The coat, miter and turban for the head of Aaron were all made of fine linen. The plate of the holy crown was made of pure gold. In the New Testament, we see that crowns are also mentioned. If we have been faithful in our service for the Lord, we will also be given crowns. The crown of Aaron had something written on it. The crown said, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. Today, our lives are also to be holy. This is impossible in our own strength. However, it is possible to live holy lives by letting the Lord control our lives and confessing any sin immediately.

13. Read Exodus 39:22-43 and write how the people obeyed the commandments of the Lord about the tabernacle.

14. Explain why the crown that Aaron wore as the high priest had on it a plate that said HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

15. Explain why you know that it is necessary for you to continually yield your life to the Lord in order to live a holy life.

We also see an example of the way that we are to work for the Lord. We are to do everything that the Lord commands us to do. Many times it is easy for us to do a part of a job and not complete it. God wants us to be totally obedient to the things that He tells us to do. We see that there are real results when we are obedient to the Lord. The people completed the tabernacle because they were obedient. We will also be able to complete the things that the Lord gives us to do if we are obedient to Him.

16. Read Exodus 39:22-43 and write what the people did with the various parts of the tabernacle when they had completed them.

17. Explain why it is important for Christians to be obedient to the Lord so that we can complete the work that He gives each of us to do.

18. Explain how your personal obedience to the Lord makes it possible for Him to complete His work that He has for you through your life.

We are also given a real lesson about leadership. Moses had taught the people that built the tabernacle to work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As a result, it was not necessary for Moses to be continually checking on their work to make certain that they were doing it the right

way. Moses had faith and trust in the people because he knew that they were depending on the Holy Spirit. Moses knew that the work would be done exactly as the Lord wanted it done. As leaders, we train people how to do the work of the Lord and to trust in the Holy Spirit. Then, we can trust people to do the work the right way because we have taught them what to do and how to depend on the Holy Spirit.

19. Read Exodus 39:22-43 and write what Moses saw when he looked at the work that the people had done.

20. Explain what lessons you learn about effective spiritual leadership from these verses.

21. Explain why it is important in your own life to learn to work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

When Moses looked at the completed work, he saw that the people had completed the work exactly as God had spoken. Then, the Lord spoke to Moses and told him to set up the tabernacle. The Lord even gave the exact day when the tabernacle should be set up. Then, God told Moses how to bring the furniture into the tabernacle. The first piece that Moses was told to bring into the tabernacle after he had set it up was the Ark of the Covenant. Again, we see that the order in which the furniture was to be set up moves from the inside to the outside.

22. Read Exodus 40:1-16 and write the second piece of furniture that was to be brought into the tabernacle.

23. Explain what made it possible for the people to complete the work exactly as God had said it should be done.

24. Explain why it is important for you to learn to understand and apply the instructions that God gives you in the Scripture so that you can complete the work that He gives you exactly as He wants it done.

The second piece of furniture was the table of showbread. It was one of the three pieces of furniture that was placed in the holy place. The other two pieces were the golden lampstand and the altar of incense. When the priests brought in these pieces of furniture, the bread was to be arranged on the table of showbread, the lamps of the lampstand were to be filled with oil and lighted, and the altar of incense was to be put in place. The two pieces of furniture in the court of the tabernacle are mentioned next. They were to put water in the laver so that it would be ready to use.

25. Read Exodus 40:1-16 and write what the priests were told to do with the anointing oil.

26. Explain why they were to set up the tabernacle and get everything ready before they started using the tabernacle.

27. Explain how you have seen that the Lord can use your life and make it effective when you follow His instructions.

Here, we see that Moses was told to dedicate the tabernacle along with Aaron and his sons. This was to be done before the people began to bring their sacrifices to the tabernacle. Here, we see a picture of something that is mentioned in the New Testament. When God calls people to a special task, there should be a dedication service for those people. The New Testament shows us that this is the way that the existing leaders of the church recognize the new leaders that are being commissioned to carry out a particular work for the Lord.

28. Read Exodus 40:1-16 and write on what day the Lord told Moses to set up the tabernacle.

29. Explain why you think God wanted a dedication service held before the worship in the tabernacle began.

30. Explain why you think that it is important for churches today to dedicate people to the Lord when they are given a new ministry for the Lord.

On the first day of the new year, Moses did exactly as God had told him to do. He began by having the people set up the frame of the tabernacle. After the frame was in place, Moses had the people place the various coverings over the frame. When the tabernacle had been

completely set up, Moses had the priests bring the furniture into the tabernacle. First, the Ark of the Covenant was brought into the holy of holies. Then, the three pieces of furniture were brought into the holy place.

31. Read Exodus 40:17-38 and write what Moses burned on the golden altar when they had set that altar in place.

32. Explain how the fact that the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the year shows that it had been nearly a year since the people had left Egypt.

33. Explain how the fact it took almost a year before they set up the tabernacle shows you that the work of the Lord usually takes time before results are seen.

The court of the tabernacle was also set up and the two pieces of furniture that were in the court were put in place. These were the altar of burnt offering and the laver. We are reminded again of the purpose for the laver. It was the place where the priests washed their hands and their feet before they did anything else in the tabernacle. This reminds us of the importance of confessing our own sins each day if we want to be effective in the service of the Lord.

34. Read Exodus 40:17-38 and write what happened after Moses completed the setting up of the tabernacle.

35. Explain why it was important for the priests to wash their hands and their feet before they offered each sacrifice.

36. Explain why we can trust the Lord to make the things we do effective for His service if we do them with spiritually clean hands and a pure heart.

This is the first place where we see that the physical presence of the Lord came to stay among His people. The Lord appeared to certain individuals in the book of Genesis. However, the Lord only talked to these people for a short time and then He was gone and they could not see Him unless He appeared to them again. Here, we see that a cloud covered the tent of the congregation and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. This was to be a constant reminder to the people that God was present with them and that He had not forgotten them.

37. Read Exodus 40:17-38 and write what Moses was not able to do once the cloud settled on the tent of the congregation.

38. Explain why it was important that the glory of the Lord was present with His people as they were in the wilderness.

39. Explain why you can know that if you are walking with the Lord that the glory of the Lord will be reflected through your life.

This cloud and the presence of the Lord were used by the Lord to show the people when to move. When it was time to move, God would take this glory from inside the tabernacle and move it up over the tabernacle. When that happened, it was time for the people to move. Today, if we are in fellowship with the Lord, He will also guide us and lead us. We will know when He is leading us to begin a new ministry. He will show us from His Word the principles that will help us to carry out His work effectively. The thing that we need to do is learn to follow the leading of the Lord instead of depending on our own plans.

40. Read Exodus 40:17-38 and write what was above the tabernacle for the rest of the travels of the people of Israel.

41. Explain why it is important for all Christians to understand that we can look to the Lord for guidance for our own lives.

42. Explain why you are thankful that you can look to the Lord for guidance and do not need to depend on your own plans.

Now, reread Exodus 39:1-40:38 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.