

Lesson 9: Moses Judges Israel – Exodus 18

In our last lesson, we learned that God provided water and food for the Israelites as they walked thru the wilderness. We can surely see that God cares for His people.

Before long the people encounterED the Amalekites who werE an evil people. They started a fight with the Israelites. While the war was going on, Moses went to the top of a big hill to watch. When Moses held his hands up, the Israelites won the battle. When he let his hands down, the Amalekites won.

After a while, Moses hands became heavy, and he could not keep them up. Moses took a large stone to sit on, and Aaron and Hur supported his arms until the sun went down. So Joshua and the Israelites won the war with the Amalekites.

About this time, the Israelites came to Mount Sinai. This was near where Moses had gone to when he had to flee Egypt. It was the area where he had seen the burning bush. His father-in-law, Jethro, came to see Moses and bring Moses' wife and two sons to him. Jethro saw all the work that Moses had to do from morning til night. Moses would tell the people of God's will and help them make decisions in their life.

Jethro told Moses that he needed some help. He would wear out soon if he did all the judging himself. Moses chose some good men that feared God, and put them over things that were small disputes or questions. The harder cases were still brought to Moses.

This worked well for Moses. He did need help. One person cannot do everything, and we all need help at times. We all need to work together to to get the work of the Lord done.

The Israelites camped at Mt. Sinai for a long time. God told Moses He had chosen them for his special people if they would obey His voice. The people said they would do all that the Lord wanted them to do.

God told Moses to sanctify the people because He (the Lord) was going to speak to them in 3 days.

TRUE AND FALSE QUESTIONS

- T F 1. The people ran out of water again.
- T F 2. The people were nice to Moses.
- T. F 3. Moses asked for God's help.
- T F 4. God said to hit the rock.
- T F 5. Nothing happened when he hit the rock.
- T F 6. Water gushed out of the rock.
- T F 7. The Amalekites fought Israel.
- T F 8. Israel lost.
- T F 9. Joshua led the soldiers.
- T F 10. Moses had to hold up a gun over his head.
- T F 11. Moses held up his rod toward heaven.
- T F 12. Aaron and Hur upheld his arms.
- T F 13. Amalekites won the battle.
- T F 14. Moses held up his rod toward heaven.