

HE WAS GOD'S FRIEND

*A Study of the Life and
Ministry of Moses*

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The New Testament is filled with references to “Moses and the Prophets”. Jesus quoted Deuteronomy, written by Moses, more than any other book of the Bible. No one was there when God created the universe, but God inspired Moses to write his account. Moses served as prophet, priest, and political leader, just as Jesus is our prophet, priest and king. No one ever knew where Moses’ grave was located...because God buried Moses himself.

Of all the people in the Bible, Moses is special. His life, his experiences, his ministry—the things God did through him; all of it was exceptional. But of all the things that made Moses special, perhaps the greatest was this, “The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend” (Exodus 33:11).

As we study the life and ministry of Moses this summer we will see his dedication to the LORD, his faith, his love for God’s people, and also his faults—and there especially we will see the undeserved love of God.

#5 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

EXODUS 20:1-21

1. What is the fifth commandment?
 - a. Catholic or Lutheran answer:
 - b. Other Protestant answer:
 - c. Ancient Jewish answer: **מִצְוָה** ?
2. What advantages/disadvantages do you see in each of the three numbering systems?
3. What does it mean to have a god?
4. How could God punish innocent children for their parents’ sins?
5. What does it mean to misuse God’s name? How does this occur?

6. What did the strictness of the Sabbath requirement teach the Israelites? How do we often use our freedom?
7. What dignity does God give to parents, and the family in general, by attaching the promise to the fourth commandment?
8. The Hebrew word “to commit adultery” is used exclusively for heterosexual extramarital affairs. Does this make fornication ok? Does this make homosexual marriage ok?
9. How many ways are there to steal?
10. Martin Luther, in his explanation to the eighth commandment, wrote that we are to “take [our neighbor’s] words and actions in the kindest possible way.” Why is this a good explanation to the eighth commandment? What blessings come from doing so?
11. Why does God make such a big deal out of our thoughts?
12. Agree or Disagree: Fearing God means to respect him.
13. Judge this book by its cover...
14. Name the worst crime you can think of.
15. Review your answer to #2. After hearing all about all the things we can’t do, what advantage of the Jewish numbering system shines all the brighter?