

Life Lessons from Moses and Aaron (Part 1)

The Bible is filled with fascinating characters. From Exodus to Deuteronomy, Moses and Aaron are prominent figures. They have interaction with many different personalities. Let us learn some lessons from these people.

1. To Whom Much Is Given Much Is Required (Numbers 20:7-12)

Moses saw the glory of God and the power of God resting in his life. Therefore, when he sinned by striking the rock, God chastened him by saying that he would not be allowed into the Promised Land. It is quite a severe judgment, but to whom much is given, much shall be required.

Aaron was the first High Priest and had the privilege of serving God in the tabernacle, and yet because of his transgression, he was judged severely. He also died not even seeing the Promised Land.

The principle is to whom much is given, much shall be required. We need to live up to the truth that God has given to us and blessed us to receive.

2. Help Your Brothers Succeed in Their Call (Acts 11:23; 14:22, 1 Thess. 4:1; 5:14, Heb. 3:13)

In Numbers 32, the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh decide that they do not want to go over into Jordan and possess the land. They were content with the land they had already taken. They asked Moses if they could maintain their flocks and their families on the west side of Jordan.

When they first approached Moses, he rebuked them. He had the impression that they wanted to stay and not go with their brothers to defeat the giants that were in the land. Moses then tells them that they may stay where they are if there are willing to go and fight with their brothers for their land. In response, they declared they would go and help their brothers conquer the land. In fulfillment of their pledge, they went, helped get their brothers set up in the land, and God blessed them on the other side of Jordan.

We can learn from this valuable lesson that we are our brother's keeper. That God does want us to help our brothers and sisters in Christ. Not only are we to avoid saying the wrong thing but we are to do everything we can to help those who are faithfully serving Jesus Christ. It is my responsibility to encourage others to serve God and to trust in God.

3. Don't Fear Giants (Numbers 13:25-33)

In Deuteronomy 2 Moses recounts the story of Israel's failure to go into the land because they were afraid of the giants. He then tells how God caused the Israelites to wander in the wilderness for forty years. Before they entered into the wilderness, the Israelites would travel by several other nations. All these lands were filled with giants. God then led them to fight two giant kings: Og, king of Bashan; and Sihon, king of the Amorites. These were both huge, renowned warriors. Yet, God allowed the Israelites to destroy them and their armies.

God wanted them to know, and God wants you and me to know, that though there are giants all around us, we need not be distracted by them. We need to move forward and conquer the land that God has given to us. With Christ, you can overcome any giant that comes into your life.

