

The Mercy of the LORD  
Lesson #23  
Exodus 34:10-40:37

Israel realized they had sinned against the LORD and broken the Covenant. The LORD carried out the stated penalty for breaking the Covenant showing His justice. God is holy and just but He is also merciful and compassionate (Exodus 33:19). In His mercy, the LORD would now renew His Covenant with Israel.

**Renewal of the Covenant - Exodus 34:10-35**

1. After Moses interceded for the people, what did the LORD say that He would do? (Exodus 34:10)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Once again Israel was reminded to obey the LORD's commands. (Exodus 34:11) What warning did the LORD add? (Exodus 34:12a, 15a)
  - Why was that important? (Exodus 34:12b, 15b)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Upon entering the land, what was Israel to do? (Exodus 34:13)
  - Why were they to do that? (Exodus 34:14)
  
  
  - What do you think that means? (Exodus 34:17)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Moses had been called back up the mountain to meet with the LORD. How long was he on the mountain this second time? (Exodus 34:27, 28)

5. After being in the presence of the LORD, what was the physical result on Moses? (Exodus 34:29)
  
6. How did Aaron and all the people react to this? (Exodus 34:30)
  
7. Moses called together Aaron and the Israelite leaders. When they had assembled, what did Moses do? (Exodus 34:31, 32)
  
8. When the people looked at Moses there was a visible reminder that he stood in the presence of the LORD. How did Moses protect the people? (Exodus 34:33)
  
9. What did he do when he went into the presence of the LORD? (Exodus 34:34, 35)

**Construction of the Tabernacle Begins - Exodus 35:1-36:7**

10. In the LORD's mercy, the Covenant had been restored. At the assembly of the people, what did Moses remind them they must obey? (Exodus 35:1-3)
  
11. With a renewed sense of hope, it was time to test the people. Moses asked the people to bring offerings to the LORD to build the Tabernacle. Using Exodus 35:22-24 and 27-29:
  - Who brought offerings?
  
  
  - What did they bring?

12. What was the result of their response to Moses' request? (Exodus 36:6, 7)

**The Crafters - Exodus 35:34-39:43**

13. The LORD had chosen and gifted Bezalel and Oholiab to be the primary crafters of the Tabernacle and its articles. In addition to their own skills, what had the LORD gifted these men to do? (Exodus 35:34)

14. Who were the crafters of:

- The curtains (Exodus 36:8)
  
- The weavers of the fine linen? (Exodus 35:25, 26)
  
- The artisan of the Holy Ark? (Exodus 37:1)

15. When the team of crafters had completed all the work on the Tabernacle, what was the assessment? (Exodus 39:32 and 42)

16. With the work complete, what did Moses do? (Exodus 39:43)

**The Completed Tabernacle - Exodus 40:1-37**

17. After everything was inspected to make sure it was done exactly as the LORD had commanded, what were the LORD's next instructions? (Exodus 40:1)

18. When everything was in its proper place, what was Moses to do next? (Exodus 40:9a)

- What would that do? (Exodus 40:9b)

19. Once that had been completed, what was the next step? (Exodus 40:12)

20. What was to be done to Aaron? (Exodus 40:13)

- Why?

21. After Aaron, his sons were also to be consecrated as priests to the LORD. How long was the priesthood to remain in Aaron's family? (Exodus 40:15)

22. Moses did everything just as the LORD had commanded. (Ex. 40:16) What happened when Moses had finished all the work? (Exodus 40:33, 34)

23. How did that affect Moses? (Exodus 40:35)

24. The book of Exodus closes with a brief summary of how Israel knew when to move camp.

- How was the LORD's presence visible to the people? (Exodus 40:38)
- How did Israel know when to travel? (Exodus 40:36, 37)

### **Reflect**

As you think through the story of Moses, how would you describe his journey with the LORD?

If you have not yet done so, I would encourage you to think through and write down your own journey with the LORD.