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Lesson 28: Scripture teaches us that God is a loving God, wishing none to perish but all to come to repentance. Yet, the Bible also reveals God to be a Holy God, incapable of tolerating sin. God would rather save than judge and He usually gives individuals and nations multiple opportunities to humble themselves, repent and come into a saving, personal relationship with Himself. These truths are clearly illustrated in God's dealings with Pharaoh and Egypt. Even as a child, raised by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses, discovered the heart of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He correctly concluded God would use him to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage. However, Moses had a lot to learn about his God and how to serve the One True Creator. Instead of concentrating upon God's leading and direction, Moses concentrated upon his God-given abilities.

The Book of Acts tells us that Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action. He grew up in an opulent environment and had definite leadership ability. Moses thought he could choose the time of Israel's deliverance from slavery. Seeing one of his fellow Jews being harshly treated, Moses took action. He killed the Egyptian taskmaster and hid his body. Instead of gratitude, Moses was greeted with the stinging rebuke, "who made you ruler and judge over us." Moses was stunned by this response. Moreover, Pharaoh now sought to kill him. In fear, Moses ran for his life. Moses was forty years old when he left Egypt and entered the desolate land of Midian. Eventually Moses married and fathered two sons. The rejection from his brethren devastated him. He lost all confidence in his own ability. He found it difficult to speak clearly. Instead of being the great deliverer of Israel from Egypt, he was a lonely shepherd, caring for his father-in-law's flocks. It was after 40 years of shepherding that Moses was now ready to become God's man to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage. We continue our lesson in Exodus Chapter 3

Gen 15

Ex 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12:1-36

Ps 103:13-14

Pr ov 14:11, 13, 22,
15:3,10, 16:4, 19:21, 21:1

Is 46:8-11, 55:11

Acts 7:1-34

Rom 1:18-32

Gal 6:7-9

Eph 2:10

Phil 1:6, 4:6-8, 13

1 Pet 3:9

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