

MEEKNESS OF MOSES

Introduction: The Israelites saw the LORD perform many powerful miracles to bring them out of Egypt, but they did not trust the LORD to care for them when they left Egypt and were quick to blame Moses. His response to these people is a good example of meekness for all believers to follow. Meekness is not weakness, but it is gentleness combined with humbleness. It is the fruit of the Spirit.

Lesson Aim: Let the Spirit of God produce the fruit of meekness in all believers.

Memory Verse: "The fruit of the Spirit is . . . meekness" (Gal 5:22-23).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Salvation of Israel — 14:1-31****A. The LORD Directs Israel — 14:1-9**

1. What did the LORD want Pharaoh to think about Israel's journey in the wilderness? 14:3
2. Why did the LORD harden Pharaoh's heart so that he would pursue and retake Israel? 14:4

B. The LORD Delivers Israel — 14:10-22

3. What good thing did the Israelites do when they saw the Egyptians coming after them? 14:10
4. What bad thing did the Israelites do to Moses before they crossed the Red Sea? 14:11-12
5. How did Moses respond to the Israelites? 14:13-14

6. Why did the LORD rebuke Moses? 14:15a

7. What did the LORD tell Moses to do? 14:15b-16a

8. What did the LORD say the Israelites would do? 14:16b

9. Why did the LORD harden the hearts of the Egyptian troops? 14:17-18

10. How did the LORD help the Israelites escape from the Egyptians? 14:19-20; cf 1 Cor 10:13

C. The LORD Destroys the Egyptians — 14:23-31

11. What did the Egyptians do when they saw the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea? 14:23
12. How did the LORD trouble the Egyptian troops? 14:24-25
13. What happened when Moses obeyed the LORD? 14:26-27
14. How many of Pharaoh's troops that went into the Red Sea survived? 14:28
15. How did Israel react to this great deliverance from Pharaoh's troops? 14:31

II. Songs of Praise — 15:1-21

16. How does Moses' song show he was meek? 15:1-5

17. How does Moses contrast the LORD's power with Pharaoh's elite troops? 15:9-10

18. What do you think the "holy habitation" refers to? 15:13, 17

19. What will the LORD do? 15:18

III. Sustenance from God — 15:22-16:27

20. How did the thirsty Israelites treat Moses when they could not drink the bitter waters of Marah? 15:22-24?

21. How did Moses show his meekness? 15:25

22. Why did the Israelites murmur against Moses and Aaron at another time? 16:2-3

23. How did the LORD help Moses to be meek? 16:4-13; cf Gal 5:22-23