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## JESUS IS THE MEDIATOR

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For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

HEBREWS 9:15

**G**od led his people to the base of Mount Sinai. They would spend a year in this place, learning all sorts of rules for how they were to obey God and worship him.

But really it wasn't just about the rules. It was about much more. God spoke to the people through Moses, inviting them into a covenant with him. It was something like a contract, with duties on both sides—and something like a marriage, where the husband loves and cares for his wife, and the wife loves him back and serves as his helper. God reminded his people that he

was their deliverer, the one who carried them out of Egypt on eagles' wings. He wanted to enter into a covenant with them, a covenant in which they would obey him fully, and in return they would be his treasured possession. And they would have an important mission. They would become a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. A nation on display to the world, showing all people who the God of the universe is, and what he is like. A nation who by their example would bring glory to God, and bring others into relationship with him.

The people all responded to God's covenant by saying,

“We will do everything the LORD has said” (Exodus 19:8). And God responded with his Presence in a dense cloud, and with thunder, lightning, trumpet blasts, fire, and smoke. The whole mountain shook, and the people trembled with fear. They begged Moses to speak to them instead of hearing directly from God, for they were afraid they would die.

Moses approached the thick darkness where God was, and God spoke to him. God gave him many laws for holy living, including the Ten Commandments, which showed the people how to love God and how to love others.

Moses was gone for forty days on the mountain. The people began to get anxious, and they demanded that Moses’s brother, Aaron, help them make gods to lead them. Imagine that! How quickly they gave up on Moses, and on God, who only days before had entered into a special covenant with them! Aaron foolishly helped the people make a calf out of gold, and they worshiped it, saying, “This is the god who brought us out of Egypt” (Exodus 32:4, paraphrase)!

How do you think God responded? He was angry, of course! These people, whom he had made his treasured possession, had turned their backs on him already! God’s anger burned against them, and he wanted to destroy them.

But Moses spoke up for the people, pleading for them. He boldly challenged God to think of what the Egyptians would say. He reminded God of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He begged God to turn from his anger and relent. And God did.

In his mercy, God remembered his covenant. He promised to lead his people to the promised land. But this time he said his Presence would not go with them.

Again, Moses pleaded with God. He knew they needed his Presence! He said, “How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?” (Exodus 33:16).

God listened, and promised to do the very thing Moses asked. His Presence would go with them.

Moses took it one step further. “Now show me your glory,” he said (33:18). God directed Moses to a cleft of a rock. God passed by, allowing Moses to see his back, but not his face. When Moses came down the mountain, his face glowed with the glory of God.

Moses continued to serve as a mediator for God’s people. He was the go-between, the man in the middle, the messenger, and the pleader for reconciliation. Moses is long gone, but today we have another

mediator—a mediator with whom God is pleased, just as he was with Moses. A mediator who goes between us and God, pleading for us. A mediator who ascended a hill to make atonement for sin. But he’s greater than

Moses, because he’s perfect, makes complete atonement, and is God himself. This mediator is Jesus! And today, because of him, we can be reconciled to God and enjoy his Presence.



## REFLECT

1. What did Moses do for the people as mediator?
2. How is Jesus our mediator? See Hebrews 9:15 and 1 John 2:1-2.
3. Why do we end our prayers with the words, “in Jesus’s name, amen”?

**BIBLE REFERENCE** EXODUS 19:1-9; 32; 33:12-23

**KEY VERSE** HEBREWS 9:15