

THE INTERCEDING OF MOSES

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“Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: 'LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth '? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people'. "{Exodus :32:11,12} After the sin of the golden calf Moses pleads with God to spare the people. "So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people. "{Exodus :32:14}

“And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying, 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation. Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now. "{Numbers 14:17-19} After the murmuring concerning the evil report of the spies, Moses again pleads on their behalf. On this occasion, God does place a terrible consequence on their conduct. The first generation will die in the wilderness save Joshua and Caleb.

Why did Moses continue to go to God on behalf of these unthankful, ungrateful and stiff-necked people? Simple – he loved them. Why does our Lord intercede with His Father on our behalf? We often disobey His will, show little respect for Him and many times fall short of what He would have us to do. Christ loves us. He is our mediator, 1 Timothy 2:5. God's people failed to truly appreciate the love Moses had for them. Could we be guilty of the same mistake today with our Lord?

Dear reader, Christ's love for us is truly a wonderful and powerful thing. Yet, we are still accountable for our decisions and actions while we walk on this good earth. All the love of Christ will not erase one of my sins if I don't repent of them and cease to practice that conduct. God's people learned the hard way that God means what He says- will you? ***