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Sunday School Lesson
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Lesson: Moses: Prophet of Deliverance Text: Deuteronomy 18:15—22

I. Aim for Change/Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, we will...

1. STUDY Moses' role as a prophet of God in leading the Israelites out of Egypt,
2. REFLECT on leaders who guide us through seemingly impossible situations, and
3. RELY on God in resolving challenging situations.

Key Verse— *“Deuteronomy 18:5 “The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;” (KJV)*

II. People Places and Times

Mt. Sinai. Also called Mount Horeb and has been referred to as the “mountain of God” (Ex. 3:1) and “mount of the Lord” (Num. 10:33). This was the place of the Golden Calf and where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

Deuteronomy. This book is somewhat of a recapitulation of the previous four books of the Pentateuch. Including reiterations of Israel's history and a reiteration of the handing down of the laws of God at Sinai. It is in this book that Moses promises the coming of another prophet.

III. Background

Regarding this lesson, and in particular the text under consideration, it is said that this is a prediction of the coming of Christ. However, a closer examination of the text and its context, just might reveal a more immediate placement of their leader and successor to Moses.

IV. The Lesson At-A-Glance...

1. *He Comes from the People (Deut. 18:15-16)*
2. *He Speaks God's Word (vv. 17-18)*
3. *His Words Come True (vv.19-22)*

V. In Depth with More Light on the Text

1. He Comes from the People (Deut. 18:15-16) The primary reference here is to national origin. The secondary reference highlights the identification of the Messiah as one of the people. The promised land would hold tests, temptations and many hedonistic practices for Israel. Thus, the Lord would have to provide a succession of prophets (and Judges) from among the Israelites for their benefit. The **true** prophet is the Mosaic prophet, the one who speaks the Word of God in the tradition of Moses himself.

2. He Speaks God's Word (vv. 17-18) Speaking God's word was done in a multi-directional manner. God spoke through Moses to the people and the people spoke to God through Moses, putting Moses and the first Prophet and Priest. There are two characteristics of the Prophet that Moses uses to qualify the true prophet: 1) The person is not self-appointed; and 2) One who receives and welcomes God's word. Thus the prophet is charged with receiving and declaring what thus saith the Lord.

3. His Words Come True (vv.19-22) Simply stated, if one false utterance that was spoken to be of the Lord that doesn't come to pass, then this person is to be declared a false prophet and put to death. The prophet speaking was all inclusive of a moral standard. The prophet's words were morally absolute, of God, true, ethical, and a declaration of what God has pronounced to be so.

Liberating Lesson—see Sunday School book

Application for Activation—see Sunday School book

Vocabulary-New Words

Darash: require, meaning the person is held accountable for their words and actions with their very life.