



# JUDGMENTS



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# Lesson 14

Proverbs 19:20

*Listen to advice and accept correction. In the end you will be counted among those who are wise.*

## Jethro Visits Moses

### Exodus 18:1–27

<sup>1</sup>Moses' father-in-law Jethro was the priest of Midian. He heard about everything God had done for Moses and for His people Israel. Jethro heard how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt.

<sup>2</sup>Moses had sent his wife Zipporah to his father-in-law. So Jethro welcomed her <sup>3</sup>and her two sons. One son was named Gershom. That's because Moses had said, "I'm an outsider in a strange land." <sup>4</sup>The other was named Eliezer. That's because Moses had said, "My father's God helped me. He saved me from Pharaoh's sword."

<sup>5</sup>Moses' father-in-law Jethro came to Moses in the desert. Moses' sons and wife came with Jethro. Moses was camped near the mountain of God. <sup>6</sup>Jethro had sent a message to him. It said, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you. I'm bringing your wife and her two sons."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law. Moses bowed down and kissed him. They greeted each other. Then they went into the tent. <sup>8</sup>Moses told Jethro everything the Lord had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians. The Lord did all of this because of how much He loved Israel. Moses told Jethro about all their hard times along the way. He told him about how the Lord had saved them.

<sup>9</sup>Jethro was delighted to hear about all the good things the Lord had done for Israel. He heard about how God had saved them from the power of the Egyptians. <sup>10</sup>He said, "I praise the Lord. He saved you and your people from the power of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh." <sup>11</sup>Now I know that the Lord is greater than all other gods. See what He did to those who looked down on Israel." <sup>12</sup>Then Moses' father-in-law Jethro brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices to God. Aaron came with all the elders of Israel. They ate a meal with Moses' father-in-law in the sight of God.

<sup>13</sup>The next day Moses took his seat to serve the people as their judge. They stood around him from morning until evening. <sup>14</sup>His father-in-law saw everything Moses was doing for the people. So he said, "Aren't you trying to do too much for the people? You are the only judge. And all these people are standing around you from morning until evening."

<sup>15</sup>Moses answered, "The people come to me to find out what God wants them to do. <sup>16</sup>Anytime they don't agree with one another, they come to me. I decide between them. I tell them about God's rules and instructions."

<sup>17</sup>Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing isn't good. <sup>18</sup>You will just get worn out. And so will these people who come to you. There's too much work for you. You can't possibly handle it by yourself. <sup>19</sup>Listen to me. I'll give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must speak to God for

the people. Take their problems to Him. <sup>20</sup>Teach them His rules and instructions. Show them how to live and what to do. <sup>21</sup>But choose men of ability from all the people. They must have respect for God. You must be able to trust them. They must not try to get money by cheating others. Appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. <sup>22</sup>Let them serve the people as judges. But have them bring every hard case to you. They can decide the easy ones themselves. That will make your load lighter. They will share it with you. <sup>23</sup>If this is what God wants and if you do it, then you will be able to carry the load. And all these people will go home satisfied.”

<sup>24</sup>Moses listened to his father-in-law. He did everything Jethro said. <sup>25</sup>He chose men of ability from the whole community of Israel. He made them leaders of the people. They became officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. <sup>26</sup>They judged the people at all times. They brought the hard cases to Moses. But they decided the easy ones themselves.

<sup>27</sup>Moses sent his father-in-law on his way. So Jethro returned to his own country.

## Questions

- 1 Who was Jethro? Jethro was Moses' \_\_\_\_\_ and also the \_\_\_\_\_ of Midian. (Ex. 18:1)
- 2 What did Jethro hear about? Jethro heard about \_\_\_\_\_ God had done for Moses and for God's people \_\_\_\_\_ and how the Lord had brought Israel \_\_\_\_\_ of Egypt. (Ex. 18:1)
- 3 Whom had Moses previously sent to stay with his father-in-law? Moses had sent his \_\_\_\_\_, Zipporah, and also their two \_\_\_\_\_, to stay with Jethro. (Ex. 18:2–3)
- 4 What were the names of Moses and Zipporah's two sons? Their names were \_\_\_\_\_, which means “an \_\_\_\_\_ in a strange land,” and \_\_\_\_\_, which means “God is my **h er**.” (Ex. 18:3–4)
- 5 Who came to Moses while he and the Israelites were staying in the desert? Moses' father-in-law, \_\_\_\_\_, came to Moses. He brought with him Moses' \_\_\_\_\_, Zipporah, and Moses and Zipporah's two \_\_\_\_\_, Gershom and Eliezer. (Ex. 18:5)
- 6 Where was Moses camped? Moses was camped near the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (another name for Mount Sinai, which is also called Mount Horeb). (Ex. 18:5)
- 7 How did Moses greet his father-in-law? Moses \_\_\_\_\_ down and \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Ex. 18:7)
- 8 What reason did the Lord have for doing all the things He did to Pharaoh and the Egyptians? God did all those things because of how \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_ Israel. (Ex. 18:8)



God loves you that much too!

## Ephesians 2:4

*God loves us deeply. He is full of mercy.*

- 9 Whom can you always trust to save you? I can always trust \_\_\_\_\_ to save me, because of how much He loves me.
- 10 How did Jethro respond when he heard about all the good things the Lord had done for Israel? He **p** \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, brought a burnt \_\_\_\_\_ and other \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and, in the sight of \_\_\_\_\_, ate a \_\_\_\_\_ with Moses, \_\_\_\_\_, and all the elders of Israel. (Ex. 18:10–12)
- 11 What did Moses do the next day? Moses took his seat to serve the people as their \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 18:13)
- 12 How long did Moses have to serve the people as their judge? Moses had to work from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 18:13)



Remember, Moses was 80 years old at this time.

- 13 What did Jethro think about everything he saw Moses doing for the people of Israel? Jethro thought Moses was trying to do \_\_\_\_\_ for the people. (Ex. 18:14)
- 14 What was Jethro worried about? Jethro was worried that Moses would get \_\_\_\_\_ out, because there was just \_\_\_\_\_ much work for Moses to do. (Ex. 18:17–18)
- 15 What did Jethro do to help Moses not get worn out? Jethro gave Moses some \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 18:19)
- 16 What was Jethro's advice to Moses? Jethro told Moses to choose from among the people \_\_\_\_\_ who had \_\_\_\_\_, who had \_\_\_\_\_ for God, who could be **†** \_\_\_\_\_, and who would never try to get \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ others. Moses should \_\_\_\_\_ these men as \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, to serve the people as \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 18:21–22)
- 17 What were these men to do about the hard cases and problems? They were to bring every hard case or problem to **M** \_\_\_\_\_, but decide the \_\_\_\_\_ ones for themselves. (Ex. 18:22)
- 18 Did Moses listen to his father-in-law, Jethro? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. Moses did \_\_\_\_\_. Jethro said. (Ex. 18:24)

## Israel Comes to Mount Sinai

### Exodus 19:1–25

<sup>1</sup>Exactly three months after the people of Israel left Egypt, they came to the Desert of Sinai. <sup>2</sup>After they started out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai. They camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God. The Lord called out to him from the mountain. He said, “Here is what I want you to say to My people, who belong to Jacob’s family. Tell the Israelites, <sup>4</sup>‘You have seen for yourselves what I did to Egypt. You saw how I carried you on the wings of eagles and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup>Now obey Me completely. Keep My covenant. If you do, then out of all the nations you will be My special treasure. The whole earth is Mine. <sup>6</sup>But you will be a kingdom of priests to serve Me. You will be My holy nation.’ That is what you must tell the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup>So Moses went back. He sent for the elders of the people. He explained to them everything the Lord had commanded him to say. <sup>8</sup>All the people answered together. They said, “We will do everything the Lord has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses. He said, “I am going to come to you in a thick cloud. The people will hear Me speaking with you. They will always put their trust in you.” Then Moses told the Lord what the people had said.

<sup>10</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people. Today and tomorrow set them apart for Me. Have them wash their clothes. <sup>11</sup>Have the people ready by the third day. On that day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai. Everyone will see it. <sup>12</sup>Put limits for the people around the mountain. Tell them, ‘Be careful that you do not go near the mountain. Do not even touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain must be put to death. <sup>13</sup>Do not lay a hand on any of them. Kill them with stones or shoot them with arrows. Whether they are people or animals, do not let them live.’ They may go near the mountain only when the ram’s horn gives out a long blast.”

<sup>14</sup>Moses went down the mountain to the people. After he set them apart for the Lord, they washed their clothes. <sup>15</sup>Then he spoke to the people. He said, “Get ready for the third day. Don’t have sex.”

<sup>16</sup>On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning. A thick cloud covered the mountain. A trumpet gave out a very loud blast. Everyone in the camp trembled with fear. <sup>17</sup>Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God. They stood at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Smoke covered Mount Sinai, because the Lord came down on it in fire. The smoke rose up from it like smoke from a furnace. The whole mountain trembled and shook. <sup>19</sup>The sound of the trumpet got louder and louder. Then Moses spoke. And the voice of God answered him.

<sup>20</sup>The Lord came down to the top of Mount Sinai. He told Moses to come to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up. <sup>21</sup>The Lord said to him, “Go down and warn the people. They must not force their way through to see the Lord. If they do, many of them will die. <sup>22</sup>The priests approach the Lord when they serve Him. But even they must set themselves apart for the Lord. If they do not, His anger will break out against them.”

<sup>23</sup>Moses said to the Lord, “The people can’t come up Mount Sinai. You Yourself warned us. You said, ‘Put limits around the mountain. Set it apart as holy.’”

<sup>24</sup>The Lord replied, “Go down. Bring Aaron up with you. But the priests and the people must not force their way through. They must not come up to the Lord. If they do, His anger will break out against them.”

<sup>25</sup>So Moses went down to the people and told them.

## Questions

- 19 When did the people of Israel arrive at the Desert of Sinai? Exactly \_\_\_\_\_ months after the people of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ Egypt, they came to the Desert of Sinai. (Ex. 19:1)
- 20 Where in the Desert of Sinai did they set up camp? They camped in front of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 19:2)
- 21 Who climbed up the mountain to talk to God? Why? Moses climbed up the mountain, because the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ out to him from the mountain. (Ex. 19:3)
- 22 How did the Lord describe what He had done for His people? The Lord said He had \_\_\_\_\_ them on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and had \_\_\_\_\_ them to Himself. (Ex. 19:4)



Such a beautiful way for God to describe what He had done!

- 23 What did the Lord say He wanted the people of Israel to do? The Lord told Moses to tell the Israelites to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord completely and to keep His \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 19:5)
- 24 What would be Israel’s blessings if they obeyed God and kept His covenant? They would be a kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ to serve Him. They would be His \_\_\_\_\_ nation. (Ex. 19:6)
- 25 What was the response of the people when they were told what the Lord had said? The people promised they would do \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord had said. (Ex. 19:7–8)
- 26 When Moses went back up the mountain, how did the Lord say He would come to Moses? The Lord said He would come to Moses in a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 19:9)
- 27 Could the people of Israel hear God speaking to Moses when the Lord came in a thick cloud? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 19:9)
- 28 What did the Lord want Moses to tell the people to do before the Lord came down on Mount Sinai on the third day? The Lord wanted the people to be set \_\_\_\_\_ for Him for two days before so that they would be \_\_\_\_\_ for Him on the third day. They were to \_\_\_\_\_ their clothes, not go \_\_\_\_\_ the mountain, and not have \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 19:10–12, 15)
- 29 What if a person or animal went near the mountain during those days? They had to be put to death with \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. No one could lay a \_\_\_\_\_ on or touch any of them. (Ex. 19:12–13)

- 30 When could the people go near the mountain? They could only go near the mountain on the third day when the ram's \_\_\_\_\_ gave out a long \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 19:13)
- 31 What happened on the morning of the third day? On the morning of the third day, there was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, a thick cloud \_\_\_\_\_ the mountain, and a trumpet gave out a \_\_\_\_\_ blast. (Ex. 19:16)
- 32 What was the response of the people when they heard and saw all of this? The people \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 19:16)
- 33 What did Moses have to do to get the people to meet with God? Moses had to \_\_\_\_\_ the people out of the camp to meet with God at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain. (Ex. 19:17)
- 34 Why was there smoke covering the mountain? There was smoke because the Lord came down on the mountain in fire. The smoke \_\_\_\_\_ up from it like smoke from a \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 19:18)
- 35 What did the mountain do? The mountain \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 19:18)
- 36 Did the sound of the trumpet get louder and louder (even though it was already very loud)? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 19:19)



It is interesting that John, the author of Revelation, describes the voice of Jesus as similarly loud and sounding like a trumpet.

#### Revelation 1:10b–18a

*I heard a loud voice behind me that sounded like a trumpet.... I turned around to see who was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw ... someone who looked "like a son of man." ... When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if I were dead. Then He put His right hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid. I [Jesus] am the First and the Last. I am the Living One. I was dead. But now look! I am alive for ever and ever!"*

- 37 Who were the only people who could go up to the top of the mountain? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were the only people who could go up to the top of the mountain. (Ex. 19:20, 24)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?

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