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# How to Use This Study Guide

This study guide includes a chapter synopsis, a lesson objective, key passages, key points, and discussion questions from each chapter in *Heroes of the Christian Faith*, as well as questions that focus on a relevant passage of Scripture from each chapter. Participants should first read each corresponding chapter of the book in order to make the best use of this guide.

**Chapter Synopsis:** This section summarizes the material in the chapter and provides a reminder of what the chapter covered. It serves to help readers remember what they've already read in the book.

**Lesson Objective:** This section explains the purpose of the chapter and the intended outcome of the study guide lesson.

**Key Passages:** This section quotes several passages from the chapter so that readers can remember some of the more significant things the author said. It can also serve as a starting point for discussion if the group leader would like to ask questions or provide thoughts related to excerpts from the book.

**Key Points:** This section outlines many of the basic ideas that the author mentioned in the chapter. It helps readers recall not just the big idea of the chapter but also its supporting ideas and their flow.

**Scripture Reading:** This section highlights one of the chapter's key points in God's Word. It helps readers identify the scriptural basis of important Christian doctrines and develops their ability to understand Scripture through questions about the reading. These questions are also ideal for group study.

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**Reflection Questions:** This section provides readers with questions that could be asked of themselves or in a small-group setting. The questions are designed to help readers understand the chapter and apply that knowledge to their lives.

**Prayer:** This section closes the study with an opportunity to come before the Lord in prayer based on what readers have learned.

# Moses: The Mediator

## CHAPTER SYNOPSIS

The Bible makes clear that we need a mediator. We need someone to go between God and us. In the Old Testament, God used Moses as a mediator between Himself and His people. But Moses did not become a mediator by chance, neither did he mediate in his own strength. Instead, God chose and prepared Moses through his early life, and in God's timing, He strengthened and sustained Moses to accomplish the salvation of His people.

## LESSON OBJECTIVE

This chapter will examine the life and ministry of Moses, the great Old Testament mediator for God's people.

## KEY PASSAGES

*The term mediator is most often applied to Christ, but it also applies to Moses. (p. 3)*

*We normally think of Moses' delivering the law at Sinai, but if you look at his life, there's a sense that he was prepared by God from childhood to be in a position to mediate. (p. 4)*

*Moses understands something early on: If he is going to act as a mediator, he must be prepared to take fire. (p. 5)*

*One of the hardest things for any Christian is to wait for God to accomplish His promises. It's comforting that Moses struggles with this same thing. (p. 6)*

### KEY POINTS

**Defining a Mediator** (pp. 3–4): Moses is a monumental figure. He earned this status as a mediator. A mediator comes in between two opposing parties and intercedes between them. In the Old Testament, God gave His law to His people through Moses, making him the mediator of the law. While Jesus comes as the Mediator who fulfills this law, that does not destroy the important part that Moses played in the story of redemption.

**Preparation for Mediation** (pp. 4–5): Moses was born under dramatic circumstances and raised as royalty. But by killing an Egyptian on behalf of an Israelite, Moses was exiled from his home. Wandering in the wilderness, Moses met some women and drove off shepherds on the women's behalf. Through these events, God was providentially preparing Moses to enter conflict and act on someone else's behalf as a mediator.

**Resistance to Mediation** (pp. 5–6): Being called by God to mediate and lead Israel, Moses returned to Egypt. When his presence led to the people's pain, the Israelites disdained having him as their mediator. Because of this, Moses cried out to God in distress. But God was faithful, and He used Moses to lead the exodus.

**A Faithful Mediator** (pp. 6–7): Desolating Egypt through plagues, God brought His people out of slavery to the Egyptians, using Moses as mediator. Moses brought Israel out of Egypt, led the people across the Red Sea, and delivered God's law to the people at Mount Sinai. Moses' story reveals that God chooses, prepares, and upholds His mediator to accomplish His purposes.

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Hebrews 3:1–6** Consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.

- According to this passage, what is the similarity between Moses and Jesus? What is the difference?

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- What does the author of Hebrews say that Moses testified to? How does this encourage us to study the story of Moses?

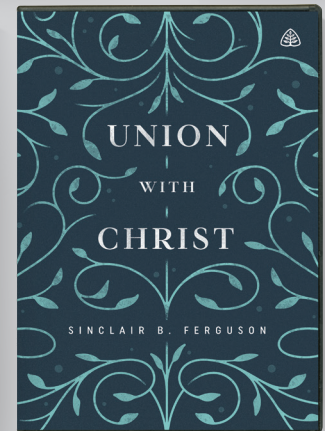
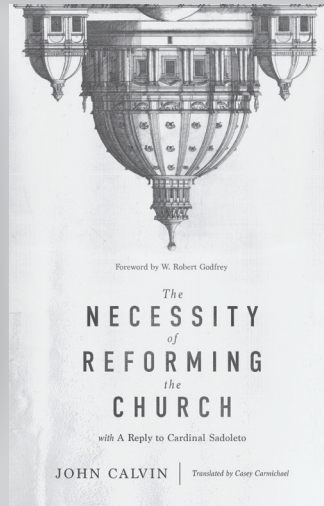
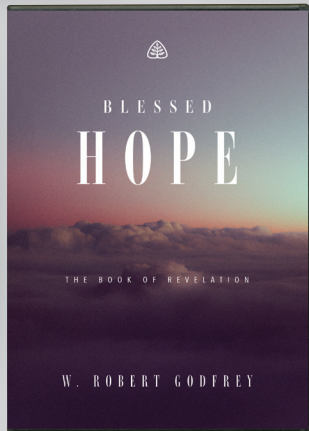
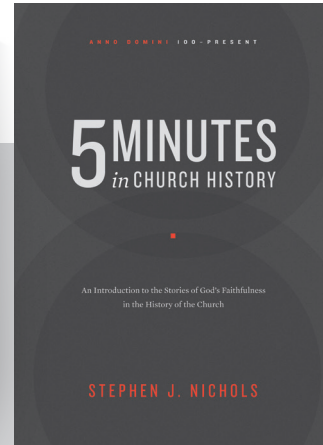
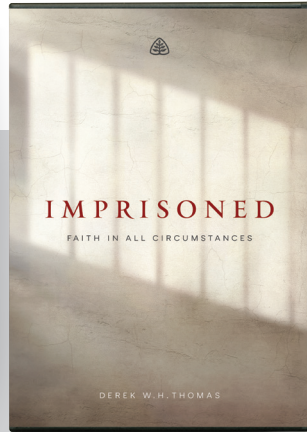
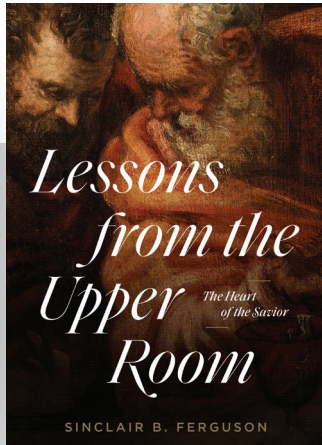
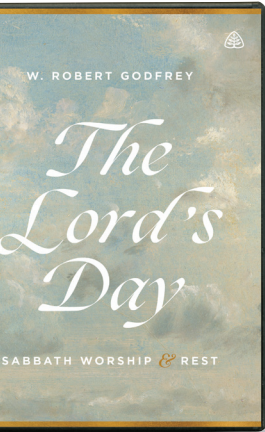
### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is a mediator? How do Jesus and Moses both act as mediators?
2. Since Jesus is a better mediator than Moses, should we disparage Moses' role? Why or why not?
3. What did Dr. Sproul say that a mediator can expect to experience? Why is this the case?
4. What does Moses' life teach us about God's providence and how God accomplishes His plan of salvation?

### PRAYER

- Praise God for His goodness in drawing His people near through redemption.
- Confess times when conflict has caused you to neglect showing love or seeking peace.
- Thank God that He chooses to use and uphold fallen men to accomplish His purposes.
- Ask God that the Holy Spirit would strengthen you to endure the resistance and ridicule that comes to Christians.

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