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Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people. Remember and do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD. Even at Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that he was ready to destroy you. When I went up the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that the LORD made with you, I remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water

And the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words that the LORD had spoken with you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And at the end of forty days and forty nights the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant. Then the LORD said to me, "Arise, go down quickly from here, for your people whom you have brought from Egypt have acted corruptly. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them; they have made themselves a metal image."

Furthermore, the LORD said to me, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stubborn people. Let me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they." So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire. And the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands. And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against the LORD your God. You had made yourselves a golden calf. You had turned aside quickly from the way that the LORD had commanded you.

So I took hold of the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes. Then I lay prostrate before the LORD as before, forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all the sin that you had committed, in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke him to anger. For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure that the LORD bore against you, so that he was ready to destroy you. But the LORD listened to me that time also.

And the LORD was so angry with Aaron that he was ready to destroy him. And I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. Then I took the sinful thing, the calf that you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust. And I threw the dust of it into the brook that ran down from the mountain.

At Taberah also, and at Massah and at Kibroth-hattaavah you provoked the LORD to wrath. And when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, "Go up and take possession of the land that I have given you," then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God and did not believe him or obey his voice. You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

So I lay prostrate before the LORD for these forty days and forty nights, because the LORD had said he would destroy you. And I prayed to the LORD, "O Lord GOD, do not destroy your people and your heritage, whom you have redeemed through your greatness, whom you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Do not regard the stubbornness of this people, or their wickedness or their sin, lest the land from which you brought us say, "Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land that he promised them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to put them to death in the wilderness." For they are your people and your heritage, whom you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm."

At that time the LORD said to me, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me on the mountain and make an ark of wood. And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you shall put them in the ark." So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain with the two tablets in my hand. And he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, the Ten Commandments that the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me. Then I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark that I had made. And there they are, as the LORD commanded me."

Deuteronomy 10:6-9

(The people of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And his son Eleazar ministered as priest in his place. From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land with brooks of water. At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD to stand before the LORD to minister to him and to bless in his name, to this day. Therefore Levi has no portion or inheritance with his brothers. The LORD is his inheritance, as the LORD your God said to him.)

Deuteronomy 10:10-11

I myself stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights, and the LORD listened to me that time also. The LORD was unwilling to destroy you. And the LORD said to me, "Arise, go on your journey at the head of the people, so that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them."

Big Idea

Circumstances will create God's Way opportunities for temptation, but God is our reason for faith, and He has always provided a way of grace.

Your Way



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Reasons for Fear



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From a human standpoint, what they faced presented real reasons for fear.

What fears are you facing?

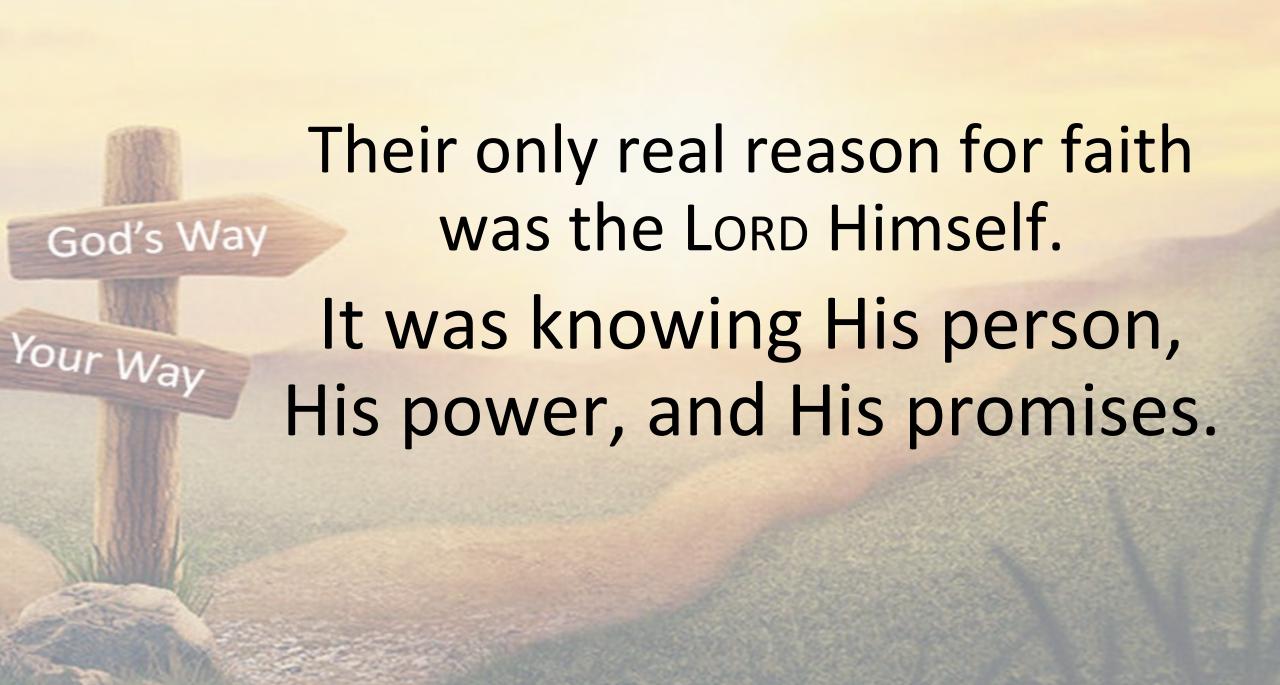


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Faith comes from knowing!

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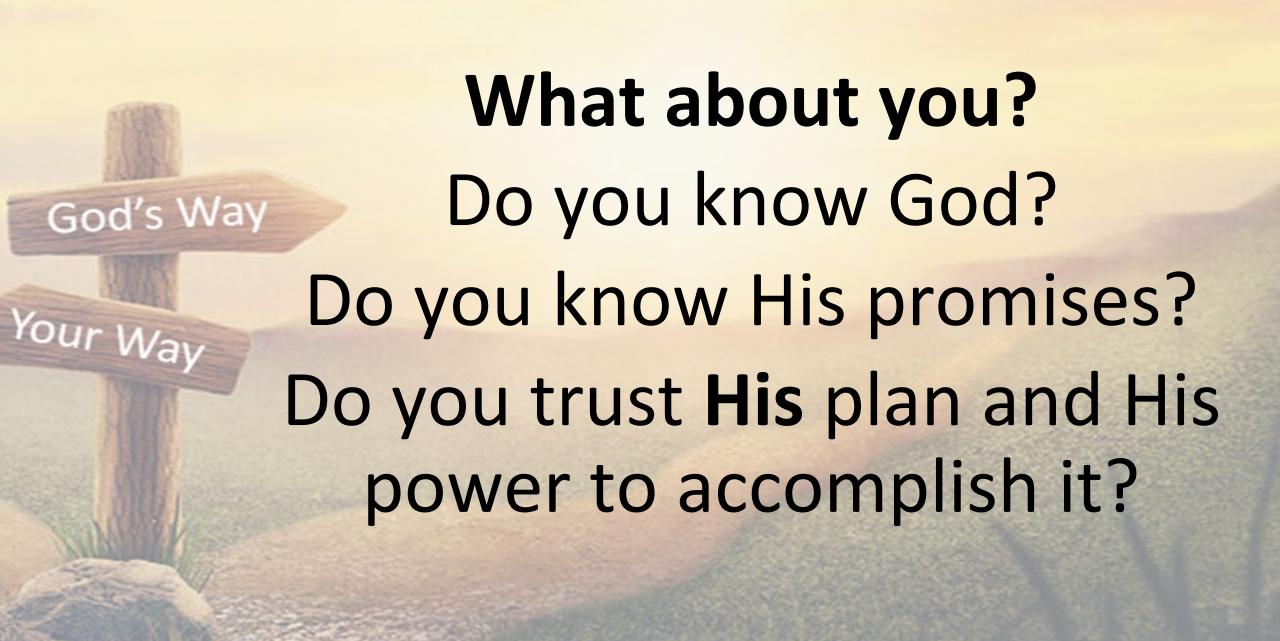
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Temptation to Self-Righteousness



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Their temptations are yours too!

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Where does self-righteousness show its ugliness?

In corporate life?

In personal life?

Be careful!

Self-righteousness is an enemy of the cross!



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Temptation to Self-Righteousness

Temptation to Self-Delusion



Every person practices selective amnesia, allowing for a self-conception that is better than reality.

God's Way

Their deluded self-conception?

Deuteronomy 7:7

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Deuteronomy 9:7-9

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From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.

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Deuteronomy 9:11-12 and 16

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Deuteronomy 9:22-24

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You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

We are all living in some measure of self-delusion.

But will we allow others to speak honestly to us about our lives?





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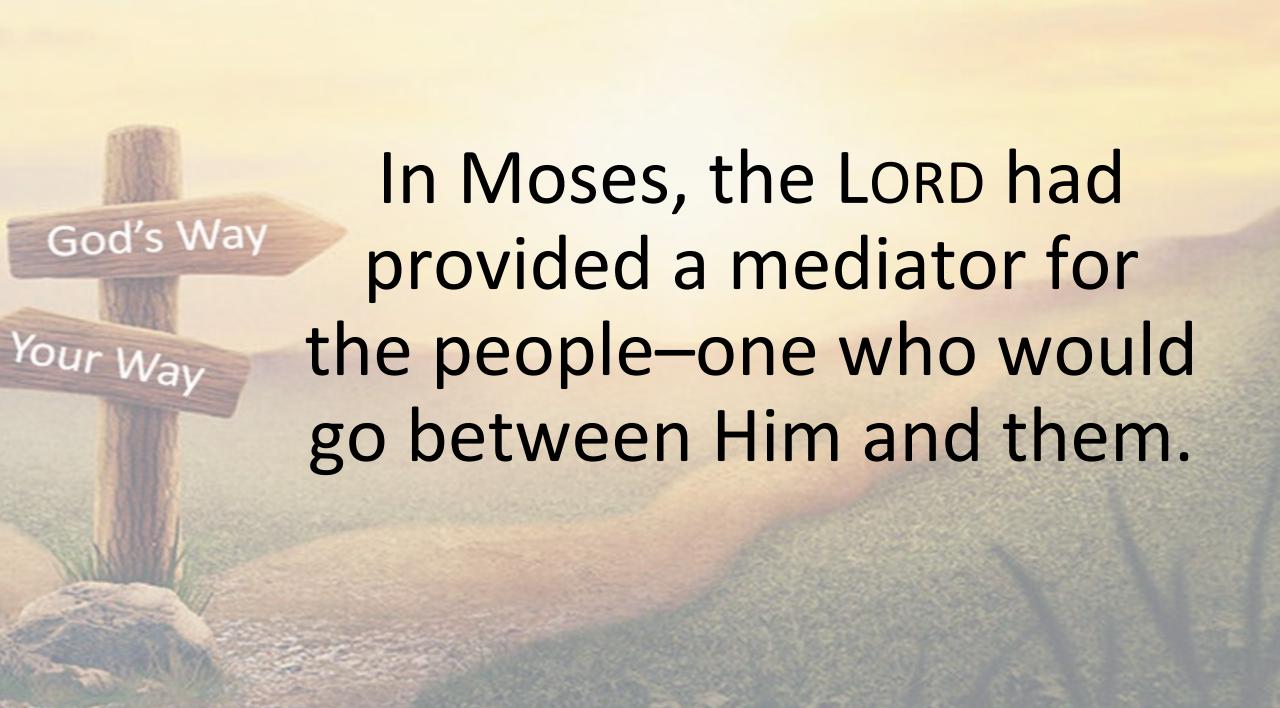
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Provision of a Mediator





Moses as Mediator

Deuteronomy 9:18-19

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Deuteronomy 9:20

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Deuteronomy 10:6

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Deuteronomy 9:25-26

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As mediator, Moses was a God's Way type of Christ, the One who would mediate the new covenant between the LORD and His Church.

Jesus as Mediator

1 Timothy 2:5-6

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Provisions of Grace

Provision of a Mediator

Provision of a Priest



In Aaron and then in Eleazar, the LORD provided a high God's Way priest for the people, one who would bring sacrifice on their behalf to God.

The Provision of a High Priest

Deuteronomy 10:6

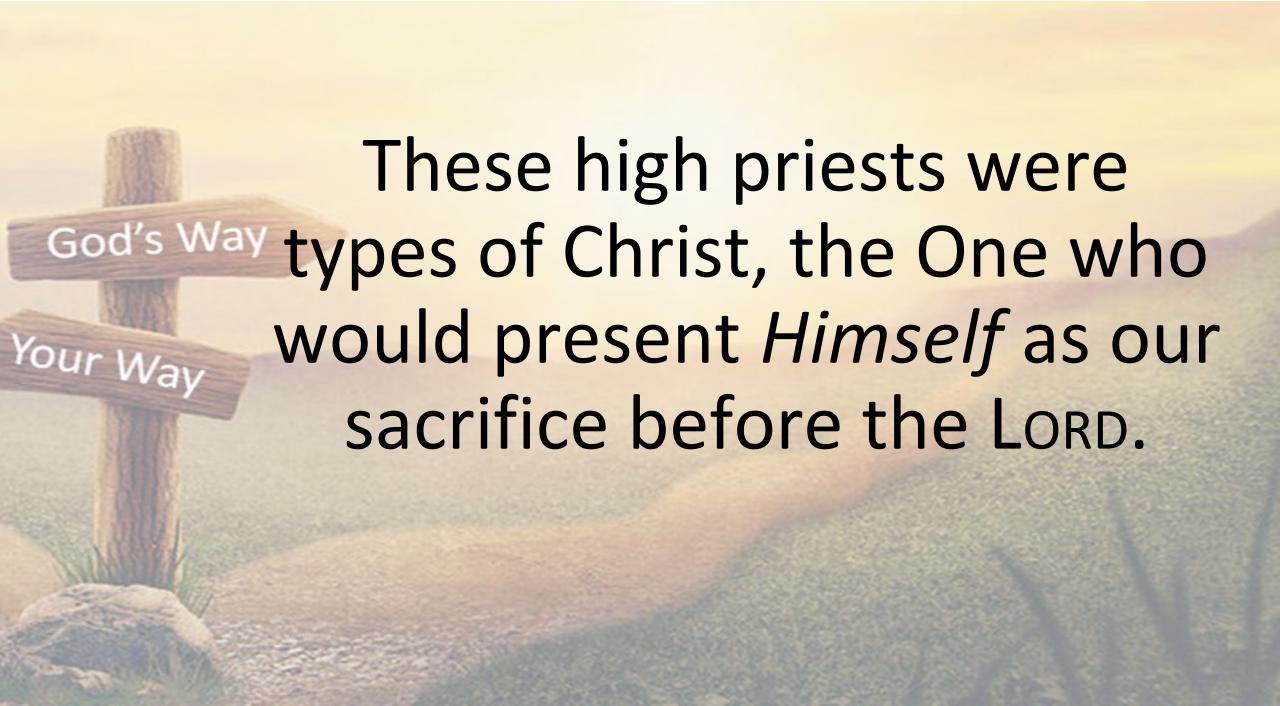
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Hebrews 7:28-8-2

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Christ will not fail as High Priest because the Father has accepted His sacrifice, making our salvation sure and secure!

The Provision of a Priesthood

Deuteronomy 10:8

At that time the Lord set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord to stand before the Lord to minister to him and to bless in his name, to this day.

The Church is now that Priesthood

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.



The way of grace has been opened to you by Christ, our Mediator and High Priest.

Are you walking on His way of grace?

Respond by Considering...

What is prevailing in you: fear or faith?

How will you lean into faith?

Is self-righteousness keeping you from receiving or giving grace?

Are you walking on the way of grace that Christ has paved for you?