

## Exodus 32:11-14 **Moses Intercession for Israel**

11 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? 12 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. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " 14 So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ☆ God is testing Moses by allowing Moses the opportunity to express himself as the intercessor for Israel as a Mediator between God and man. The test also provides an opportunity for Moses to reach out for self exaltation as the one who would become the father of the great multitude promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Moses demonstrates his heart is for God and the people of Israel. He did not rush to exalt himself and attempt to become the father of the promised multitude offered by God, but he prayed a most effective intercessory prayer by speaking of the reputation God would have in the eyes of the world. God had said that all the plagues of Egypt were done that everyone might know that God is Yehowah. [\[Exodus 6:6-7, 10:1, 14:4\]](#)

Likewise, our most effective intercessory prayer is one that reflects the revealed will of God and how it impacts His reputation in the eyes of the ones to learn of it later.

- ☆ God accepted the prayer of Moses and relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

This is an important point to see in Holy Scriptures, that God does hear and accepts the prayer of a righteous man, and demonstrates that "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." [\[James 5:16\]](#)

By his timely effective intercession, Moses saved the entire nation of Israel. It also demonstrates that God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that God willingly gives plenty of opportunity for the wicked to turn back to God in repentance. [\[Ezekiel 18:30-32, 33:11\]](#) Quoting God's own words back to Him is not bad praying.