

God's just anger burned hot against a stiff-necked nation.

Moses interceded for Israel.

Moses appealed to God's glory in his prayer.

Moses appealed to God's promises in his prayer.

Moses' prayer is answered.

Application & Discussion Questions

1. Do you have any questions about the meaning of today's passage?
2. Why does God refer to Israel as Moses' people and as a "stiff-necked" people? Is this a fair assessment of Israel? (See also Exodus 5:21, 14:10-12, 15:24, 16:2-3, & 17:1-3.)
3. How does the label "stiff-necked" accurately describe all of humanity? (See Romans 1:18-32.)
4. Moses interceded on behalf of the nation of Israel and appealed to God to be merciful. How is this a foreshadowing of Jesus as our high priest who intercedes on our behalf? (See Hebrews 7:24-25.)
5. In Moses' prayer for Israel, he appealed to God's glory and God's promises. How can these same things shape and inform the content of our prayers?
6. What are some specific promises that God has made to us as Christians that should shape our praying? (See Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:28-29, & Matthew 6:33 for examples.)
7. How does today's passage speak truth into your life and challenge you personally?