

## **“Yahweh’s Gracious Heseo – A Basis for Intercessory Prayer” Numbers 14:1-20**

Today is the second in a series of three messages highlighting the compelling Hebrew word, *hesed*, an attribute God revealed about Himself to Moses on Mt. Sinai. While no one word can fully define it, *hesed* is a wonderful truth that can be described, in that it is used 246 places in the Old Testament. After looking last week at God’s gracious and detailed revelation of Himself in Exodus 34:6-7, where He twice used the word *hesed*, we look today at an event that occurred approximately one year later. The people have at last reached the border of the land Yahweh had unconditionally promised to Abraham generations earlier, a promise He reaffirmed on numerous occasions. In today’s passage we will see how Yahweh’s earlier revelation of His *hesed* to Moses gave him the freedom to pray with greater faith and confidence. Moses’ prayer would become a pattern for other generations of believers to follow, including us today.

1. The Congregation’s Appalling Rebellion (vs. 1-4)
  2. Caleb and Joshua’s Courageous Appeal (vs. 5-10a)
  3. Yahweh’s Glorious Appearance (vs. 10b-12)
  4. Moses’ bold, Discerning Intercession (vs. 13-19)
  5. Yahweh’s Gracious but Just Response (vs. 20-38)
  6. Moses’s Prayer in Appealing to Yahweh’s Heseo Became a Pattern Others Would Follow.
- For David in His worship (Psalm 86:14-15; 103:7-14; 145:8-9) and in dealing with His sin (Psalm 51:1)
  - In a historic prayer of confession (Nehemiah 9) during the days of Ezra and Nehemiah following the rebuilding of the wall in Jerusalem (Nehemiah 9:17-19).
  - For the prophet, Joel, as he called the people to repent (Joel 2:12-13)
  - In the days of Isaiah as Yahweh speaks of His past dealings with His people, and how He will deal with them eternally (54:7-8, 10).