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beem discouraged and their life as a whole has petered out. And # God wants us to power realize these storms will come and learn with His poer and His might and with complete trust on Him to go through them. Now in this case we find, No. 3

3. Moses' Intercession. The people cried to  $p \not e / M_0$  ses and Moses prayed and the fire was quenched. Moses' wonderful intercession here. Moses was a grt. intercessor. for If we are tmuly to be God's people we must learn to be intercessors even against (?) those who are complaining against us and who are critisicing us. Moses' intercession was important. And there is an important obligation for each of us to be an effective intercessor. Moses' intercession held back God's wrath. What a place the Christian remnant has in holding, in postponing, or holding back God's wrath. IN Gen. 18 we read how God said to Abraham, if there are 10 righteous people in Sodom I will not destroy it. He would not destory it for the sake of the 10 righteous people. There is no land that is 100% perfect, but the rightoues people are a salt that bring material benefits to all in the region where they are.

4. Moses' D fficult Position. All leaders have to face dissatifcation. In any organized enterprise leadership is necessary, and no leader can avoid criticism because if you do this one person critisices you and if you t do that the other person critisizes you and if you avoid all eft criticism you do not accomplish anything. You have to decide what is right not on the basis of what will effect criticism, but on the basis of what will accomplish. I used to say when I was early in my teaching career, I used to tell my students toward the beginning of the course, I used to say, Every professor is hated by his students. Some are hated now because they make them work. Some are hated later on because their time was wasted where they didn't work. I'd rather be hated now than be hated later on. You won't make -- If you are going to lead a charge or lead any organization it is very important to learn how to keep a good moral among people. And to keep your associates happy. It is very important. But you must not make your decisions simply on the basis of what will make them happy now. Make your decisions on the basis of what will be effective and what will be right and what will make them didn't happy later on. If someone did't think that you had a better ability to think these