

“THE SIN OF MOSES”

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INTRO.:

A. Text: Numbers 20:1-13.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Moses was a great example of a faithful servant of God (**Hebrews 11:8-10**).
2. At Meribah Moses commits a sin that kept him from entering the promised land.
3. We will examine his sin and determine why it was so consequential.

I. MOSES' SIN.

A. The background:

1. The Death Of Miriam (**20:1**).
2. The Complaint Of Israel (**20:2-6**).
 - 1) They had no water and rose against Moses and Aaron.
 - 2) This has happened before (**Exodus 17:1-4**).
 - 3) The complainers had forgotten what God had done for them.

B. God's instruction for Moses (20:7-8).

1. Told to speak to the rock and it will bring forth water.
2. The Sin Of Moses (**20:9-13**).
 - 1) Instead of speaking to the rock, Moses strikes it twice.
 - 2) God then, refused to allow Moses to enter the Promised Land.

II. WHY THIS SIN WAS SO CONSEQUENTIAL.

A. Disobedience.

1. God told Moses to speak to the rock, but Moses struck it instead (**20:8**).
2. God has always demanded strict obedience to His expressed will.
 - 1) Nadab and Abihu (**Lev. 10:1-2**).
 - 2) Cain and Able (**Gen. 4**).

B. Moses became angry.

1. Moses was angry at God's people and openly expressed his anger at them.
 - 1) He called them rebels (**20:10**).
 - 2) This is quite a contrast to the normal character of Moses (**Numbers 12:3**).
 - 3) Sometimes the strong become weak.
 - a. Moses was meek, but lost control (**Ephesians 4:26**).
 - b. Peter was brave but became a coward (**John 18:25**).
2. He took credit for what he was about to do.
 - 1) Must "WE" bring water forth (**20:10**).
 - 2) He did not sanctify God to the people (**20:12**).

III. LESSONS WE SHOULD LEARN FROM MOSES' SIN.

A. Disobedience is not overlooked by God (Acts 17:30; Hebrews 5:9).

B. Be careful to guard our lives (1 Corinthians 10:12).

C. Make sure that we give God the glory for the good we can accomplish in our lives (1 Peter 4:11; 1 Corinthians 10:31).

D. If we are going to speak for God, be sure we know what you are talking about (James 3:1).

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Moses was a great man of faith, yet he battled with sin.

B. We will experience much the same thing.