

Moses Sinned Numbers 20:1-13

Learn From Others

Must learn from mistakes of others, won't live long enough to make all of them myself.

"He who does not learn from history is doomed to repeat it." - **1Corinthians 10:11**

Though said of Israelites, can also be said of Moses himself. Familiar with the sin of Moses in Numbers 20. Though Aaron was involved, usually consider it Moses' sin, perhaps because we expect him to have known better.

What can we learn from this one man's sin?

When Moses Sinned ...

Anger - **Numbers 20:10; Psalms 106:32-33**

Moses' sin clearly sprang from his anger with Israelites but doesn't excuse him - **Ephesians 4:26**

Disobedience/Transgression - **Numbers 20:8,11**

Told to speak to the rock, he struck it twice. He spoke, but not to the rock! - **2John 1:9**

Simple disobedience, yet great consequences. Moses simply went too far!

Dishonored God - **Numbers 20:10,12**

"We" refers to Moses and Aaron - God was left out!

He didn't treat God as holy, acknowledge God above all, over all, thus able to do anything He says.

All this led to God's prohibiting Moses from entering the land he waited 40 years to see. WHY?

Unbelief - **Numbers 20:12**

He exhibited a lack of trust in God.

If there's ONE thing the Bible teaches, it's that God is trustworthy - **2Timothy 2:13**

Belief / Unbelief lies at center of all we do/don't do for God

Unbelief leads to Anger, Disobedience, Transgression, Dishonoring God

Belief leads to Meekness, humility, Obedience, Respect for God, Honoring God

I'm convinced Moses was forgiven by God, still Moses had to accept consequences his sin.

Moses Held Accountable

Moses was one of the "greats." - **Numbers 12:7-8; Deuteronomy 34:10-12**

Still, he blew it. No one is immune to sin - **1John 1:8**

Thus, God shows no partiality. No one has a "special deal" with Him - **1Peter 1:17; 4:17-18**

We may sin in the way least expected

Moses knew the reliability and power of God! Out of character, yet God held him responsible.

Was the same with Peter. He always seemed confident - **Matthew 26:31-35**

Despite our best intentions, we sometimes do the stupidest things. - **1Corinthians 10:12**

God expects exact obedience

Sometimes we think we know better than God! - **Proverbs 16:25**

We need to remind ourselves that the end does NOT justify the means.

Israel was thirsty, Moses brought water from a rock.

Some who claim to be God' people have the same attitude

Missionary Organization? Look at how many men we can send out!

Gym and a coffee shop. Look at all the people we're bringing in!

Women lead prayer, serve Lord's Supper and preach. They do a good job and the people like it!

The apostle Paul addressed all such attitudes - **Romans 3:8**

God's people are required to obey Him in every way - **Colossians 3:17; Proverbs 3:6; John 12:48**

All Sin

Moses was a great, godly man. But he still sinned.

Such is the lot of all men and women - **Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23**

Are you in Christ? If so, are you treating God as holy by believing Him, trusting Him, obeying Him?

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