

MOSES' ERROR AT KADESH

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

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Introduction:

1. We can learn from our own mistakes and from the mistakes of others.
2. The purpose in this lesson is not to point the finger at Moses, nor is it to arrogantly think we would do better in his place.

Proposition: We must trust and obey the Lord always.

Interrogative: What does the error of Moses teach us to be better Christians today?

Transition: In this lesson we will consider two primary times we must obey our Lord

I. WHEN THE WORLD CONTENDS WITH US -Nu 20:2-6

A. MOSES' DAY

1. The people complained about having no water.
2. They claimed it would have been better to have died.

B. OUR DAY

1. The world tries to make us conform to its evil ways
2. This we cannot do. -Mt 5:13-16; Ph 2:15
3. Opposing religious views -E.g. Jews -Ac 17:1-11

II. WHEN THE LORD COMMANDS US -Nu 20:7-11

A. MOSES' DAY

1. His command: Take your rod, Aaron, and speak to the rock.
2. His promise: The rock will yield its water (The rock was Christ -1Co 10:4)
3. Instead, Moses struck the rock twice. -cf. Ex. 17:1-7

B. OUR DAY

1. God has given us commands with promises
 - a. Mk 16:16; Re 2:10
 - b. Co 3:1-4
2. There isn't a trivial misdemeanor with God. Any sin will keep us out of the kingdom of God. -E.g. "Life with Father"

C. NOTE THE CONSEQUENCES

1. He did not believe or hallow God in the sight of the people.
2. He was kept out of the Promised Land -De 3:23-29.

Conclusion: When we learn from the mistake Moses made, we will observe...

1. We must never give in to the pressures of our culture.
2. We must never view any sin as too trivial to keep us from heaven.