

By Faith...

- Moses refused to be identified with the royal family of Egypt ... costly
- Moses chose to identify himself with God's people and suffer with them.
- Moses esteemed "the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked for the recompense of reward."
- Moses forsook Egypt.

God's Call To Moses Burning bush. Exodus 3:2-5 Work for Moses. Exodus 3:10

Excuses

- Lack of confidence. Exodus 3:11
- Unbelief of the people. Exodus 3:13; 4:1
- Personal inability. Exodus 4:10
- I don't want to go. Exodus 4:13 (cf. Isaiah 6:8)
- God said, "GO." Exodus 4:20

Greatness

- Stands before Pharaoh. Exodus 5:1
- Used the rod of God. Exodus
 - Serpent (7:9-10); Lice (8:16-17); Hail (9:23); Locust (10:13); Sea divided (14:13-16)
- Great Lawgiver.
 - The Lord appeared in a terrific storm— "thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud" (Exodus 19:16-18). The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17).

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<u>Changed God's plan</u> - spoke to the people, not the rock. Numbers 20:8-10

- a. This, God will not tolerate. Hebrews 8:5; 2
- (1) Nadab and Abihu. Leviticus 10:1-3
- (2) Uzzah. 2 Samuel 6:3-7
- b. God is just as particular today. Revelation
 - (1) "If any man speak..."1 Peter 4:11;
 - (2) We must "contend earnestly for the faith."

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He robbed God of the glory. Numbers

- a. Must "we" bring you forth water? Did not sanctify God. Numbers 20:12
- b. Same is frequently made today
 - (1) By refusing to wear Christ's name. Colossians 1:18: Acts 4:12
 - (2) By leaving the church out. Ephesians 3:10, 21; Ephesians 4:12

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He rebelled against God's

commandments. Numbers 27:14

- a. "Ye believed me not." Numbers 20:12, 24
 - (1) We rebel when we prefer commandments of men. Matthew 15:1-9

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He acted under heat of pressure, or passion. Numbers 20:3-5,10-11

- a. Spoke unadvisedly with his lips. Psalms
- b. Smote the rock twice unauthorized.

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He sinned publicly. Numbers 20:12

- a. "In the eyes of the children of Israel."
- (1) We are responsible for our influence. Romans 14:7-8,12; Matthew 5:13-16
- (2) For secret sins we must repent and pray. Romans 2:16
- (3) For public sins make public acknowledgment. James 5:16

Think of all Moses had done:

- 1. Delivered Israel; gave the law; was their mediator and their intercessor; their great leader.
- 2. He longed for the reward. Hebrews 11:24-28

Yet, he could not enter the promised land. Numbers 20:12; Deuteronomy 34:4-5

- 1. What a lesson for us. Romans 15:4
- 2. We should take heed. 1 Corinthians 10:10-12
- 3. Not all professed believers will enter heaven. Matthew 7:21-23
- 4. How will it be with you at the judgment?

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