

A STUDY OF THE LIFE OF MOSES
DEUTERONOMY 32:48-52

Introduction:

1. The life of Moses is quite an interesting one. Here in our text his life is about to come to an end. He had sung his last song, he had prayed his last prayer, and now he must face the penalty for his sins.
2. Death would soon overcome him and his battle with the flesh would soon be over.
3. We all must one day face these words, "Go up into the mountain and die. **cf. Hebrews 9:27** *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.* **Romans 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death...* **James 1:15** *...and sin, when it is full grown brings forth death.*
4. Moses knew his time had arrived. Perhaps he even knew how easy it would be. **Psalm 116:15** *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His children.*
5. Yet, Moses' life must be viewed with a sense of sadness, for Moses missed out on a very special inheritance - Canaan land.

I. A BIOGRAPHY OF MOSES.

- A. He was born a Levite and hidden for three months in the bulrushes of the Nile River because of an order from Pharaoh that all the newborn Jewish males must be killed.
- B. Raised by Pharaoh's daughter he rose to a place of prominence in the Egyptian government.
- C. Finally there came a pivotal point in his life that would have a tremendous impact upon the nation of Israel. **Exodus 2:11-15*****
- D. Unbeknown to Moses it was this act of murder that would show forth who he really was.
- E. We may argue the point whether God approved of what Moses did, but Moses showed forth his compassion and protection for his own countrymen, along with the fact that he was not afraid.
- F. It was this unafraid Moses that God wanted to lead Israel out of bondage.

II. THE CALL OF GOD UPON THE LIFE OF MOSES.

- A. Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him and told him what Moses needed to do. **Acts 7:29-30** *Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons. And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.*
- B. Even one old man, wanting to serve the Lord, can do great things for God. **Exodus 3:2-12*****
- C. At first Moses tried to give God excuses as to why he could not do the job. **Exodus 4:1, 10, 13*****
- D. When his excuses were rejected by God, Moses finally surrendered. **Exodus 4:19-20*****

III. GOD USED MOSES IN GREAT WAYS.

- A. The encounter with Pharaoh and the ten plagues.
- B. The leading of some 2 ½ million out of Egypt.
- C. The crossing of the Red Sea.
- D. Putting up with all the grumblings and complainings.
- E. The receiving of the law on Mt. Sinai.

F. The building of the Tabernacle for the worship of Jehovah.

IV. THE ONE ACT OF DISOBEDIENCE.

A. Throughout the journey of Israel, God had only commanded them to do one thing - to be obedient to Him. **Exodus 19:5-6** *Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priest and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.*

B. Disobedience in the Scriptures is tantamount to rebellion. **1 Samuel 15:23** *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft...*

C. Moses, in one weak moment rebelled against God, and it cost him dearly **Numbers 20:7-12*****

D. A great man of God, but denied the inheritance that could have been his.

V. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE LIFE OF MOSES?

A. Moses was a saved man, this we know, yet he lost out on a great inheritance because of his disobedience and rebellion toward God.

B. The Bible declares that there is a great inheritance that is available to every born again believer, if they will only obey. **Revelation 19:7-10*****

C. How many children of God, how many Missionary Baptists, will find themselves only catching a glimpse of the Bride, and being left out, standing with the guests when they could have been part of Jesus' Bride?

D. What will keep them from being a part of His Bride? It will their disobedience.

1. Failing to yield when the call to serve went forth.

2. Failing to heed when the Bible said "listen."

3. Being selfish and satisfied when God said, "Love Me with all your heart, mind and soul.

Conclusion:

1. It is better to obey than to sacrifice.

2. James puts it this way: **James 4:17** *Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

3. How sad that Moses missed the inheritance. You don't have to. Serve the Lord with all your being for the time is short when your life will also be over.