## July 26, 2020 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 That's A Wrap

## PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. At the end of the Book of Deuteronomy the death of Moses is recorded. Moses is not allowed to enter into the Promised Land due to sin on his part of not treating God as holy. (See Numbers 20:11) This occurred at a time when the people needed water, God instructed Moses to speak to the rock and the water would begin to flow. Moses and Aaron were both angry and fed up with the stiff-necked people they were leading. In anger Moses struck the rock, therein, his offense to the Lord. Bear in mind that in a previous account Moses was instructed to strike the rock which he did without incident. (See Exodus 17:6) However, this time in anger Moses disobeyed God and this sin cost him dearly. He would suffer a consequence for this sin against God of not being allowed to enter the Promised Land. Moses dies and is buried by God. But, God is not done with Moses, after all He calls Moses "the man of God" in Deuteronomy 33:1. Take time to investigate other times in which Moses is mentioned in the New Testament. God did not, has not thrown Moses away! Some passages containing information about Moses are: Matthew 17:3; Mark 9:4; Luke 9:30; Revelation 11:1-13.

## APPLICATION

We are all sinners. "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23 NASB) Some people believe that they have sinned too much to ever be forgiven and that there is no hope for them to be saved. This is simply not true, read Romans 10:8-13. Christians sometimes think, wow, I have messed up so badly that there is no way the Lord could or would ever use me again. This is simply not true. There are sins with consequences that can hinder someone from something they would like to do. Remember for example, Moses' sin prevented him from entering the Promised Land. But, that did not mean that God was through with him and the same is true for you. Take your past failures and learn from them, rely on the true character of God. He deals with all people justly.

Grab hold of the teachings of Deuteronomy, obedience brings blessing, disobedience brings cursing. Confession of sin brings reconciliation. Even in our "imperfectness" we can live our lives like Moses did and be counted as a man or woman of God. There is no greater legacy that one can leave behind. How can I do that? Study God's: commands, precepts, statutes, and judgments, then heed them.

A beautiful glimpse into the character of the Lord can be found in Moses' song, He is: our great God, The Rock, Perfect, Faithful, and Just; He encircles, hovers over, carries, guides, and He guards us like the pupil of His eye! He chastises, rebukes, and restores those whom He loves. God alone is our Rock! Oh how He loves us! See John 3:16.

Let's close with these words, "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12 NASB) Jesus is the only way, read John 14:6.