

**“AND DIE ON THE MOUNTAIN WHICH YOU ASCEND”**

**Deut. 32:48-52**

**UNDERSTANDING GOD WITH REGARD TO HIS JUDGMENT OF SIN**

<sup>48</sup> “Then the LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying: <sup>49</sup> “Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession; and die on the mountain which you ascend, <sup>50</sup> and be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people”

Deut. 32:48-50

1. God would not allow Moses to go into the land of Canaan
  - a. His death would be in the land of Moab
  - b. He would not be buried in the promised land of Canaan
  - c. This was because of his sin
2. God does not take the matter of sin lightly
  - a. Disobeying God before the people is seen as rebellion
    - i. It is indeed a grave sin
    - ii. God does not take any form of sin lightly
  - b. God is just in His punishment
    - i. God dealt with His people when they rebelled
    - ii. God will also deal with His servants when they rebel

**THE CONSEQUENCES TO SIN**

“Because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel.”

Deut. 32:51

1. The consequence to Moses' sin
  - a. Moses' punishment was a consequence of his own sin
  - b. When we sin, there will be consequences
  
2. Reasons for such consequences
  - a. He had trespassed against God Num 20:1-11
    - i. God told Moses to speak to the rock and water would come forth
    - ii. Moses was so angry with the people that he struck the rock twice
    - iii. He allowed his anger to greatly affect his actions
    - iv. This was direct disobedience against the Lord
  
  - b. He did not believe Num 20:12
    - i. There was a problem of unbelief
    - ii. He did not believe that God would bring water out of the rock
    - iii. He did not speak to the rock as he was commanded to
  
  - c. He did not hallow the Lord before the congregation
    - i. This was a very public situation
    - ii. He did not revere the Lord God in front of all the people
    - iii. He did not keep the word of God

### **THE MERCY OF GOD SHOWN DESPITE CONSEQUENCES**

“Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan” Deut. 32:49

“Yet you shall see the land before *you*, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel.” Deut. 32:52

1. The Lord was still merciful to Moses
  - a. Even though God would not allow Moses to enter the land of Canaan
  - b. The Lord was still merciful to him
  - c. He allowed Moses to see the land of Canaan
2. In comparison to others
  - a. Aaron did not get to see the land of Canaan
  - b. Miriam also did not get to see the promised land
  - c. At least, Moses did

#### **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

1. Learn to have faith in the Lord
2. Learn to obey fully the Lord and His word
3. Learn to rely on God's mercies