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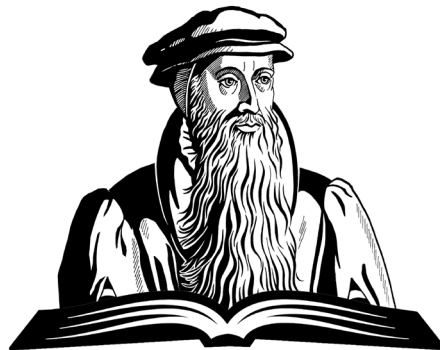
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Lesson 45

Moses' Last Days

Deuteronomy 31–34

Memory Verse

“Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.”

Deuteronomy 33:29

Moses' Limitations

Moses, as God's instrument, had done much for the children of Israel. He stood before Pharaoh to defend the Lord's people. He led them forth from Egypt and across the Red Sea. He brought them the commandments of God from Mt. Sinai. He accompanied them throughout their forty-year wandering in the wilderness. Time and again, when the people transgressed against the commandments of God, he interceded for them, not by minimizing the enormity of their sin, but by bringing to remembrance God's glory, God's honor, God's covenant faithfulness. Truly, “the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16).

Although Moses was unique in the annals of history, he too was subject to the consequences of the fall in paradise. He too had to die. But what a death! Being reconciled to God by the blood of the Lamb (which the sacrifices of the Old Testament pointed to), death had lost its sting—“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” (1 Corinthians 15:55). Like Paul, may he not have said, “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21)?

His death, however, came before the children of Israel entered the land of Canaan. While he brought the people to the land of Canaan, he did not bring them into the land. The reason for this was Moses' sin. In Numbers 20, God had commanded Moses to speak “unto the rock before their eyes: and it shall give forth his water” (Numbers 20:8). In anger, Moses gathered the people together and declared, “Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?” (Numbers 20:10). Then he struck the rock twice. Being disobedient, Moses was prohibited from entering the land of Canaan with the children of Israel.

Sin has consequences. Moses, because of his sin, would not be permitted to enter the physical Canaan. Nevertheless, God gave Moses a view of the promised land from Pisgah, a summit on Mount Nebo. God punishes the sins of people, even the sins of his people—“For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth” (Hebrews 12:6). More

importantly, Moses would not lose his place among the sons of God. Though he would not set his foot upon Canaan, his place in the “city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God” (Hebrews 11:10), which Canaan pointed to, was secure—secure in Christ, who paid the price of all the sins of all his people.

A New Leader

Moses could not lead the people into the land of Canaan. God, however, would not leave his people without a shepherd to guide them into the new promised land. God would appoint another to do so. He would appoint Joshua. Joshua, whose name means “Jehovah saves,” would lead the people into the new land.

Moses (Law) and Jesus (Gospel)

In the New Testament, Moses is often portrayed as a representation of the law. He stands in contrast to Jesus Christ. Moses, who was weak (remember his sin), could not bring the people into Canaan. Another was needed for that.

Moses, as a representative of the law, can reveal to us our sins, but he (the law) cannot save us. Someone else must do that. Who is that someone else? It is Jesus Christ. He is the greater Joshua. He does what that law cannot do.

Perhaps the question is asked, “If the law cannot save us, then what purpose is there in the law?” The law is important. Let us remember that the Lord never utters useless things. If the Lord has given the law, then the law has value. If there is a problem with the law, it does not lie in the law itself, but in a person’s failure to understand its purpose. This is the problem Jesus confronted among the Jews. He pointed out that works do not save, but “grace...through faith” (Ephesians 2:8). In emphasizing salvation by “grace...through faith,” Jesus was not saying the law had no place, but he wanted them to understand its right place. What place or purpose does the law serve? Two purposes:

- First, the law, as Paul says, is a “schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith” (Galatians 3:24).
- Second, the law shows us the fruits of a new life—a life filled with a desire to glorify his name.

Questions

Deuteronomy 31

1. Moses was _____ years old when he died.
 - a. 60
 - b. 99
 - c. 120
 - d. 969

2. Which of the following would not go over the Jordan with the children of Israel?
- Caleb
 - Joshua
 - Moses
 - The Lord
3. Be _____ and of good _____, _____ not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with _____; he will not _____ thee, nor _____ thee.
4. Moses commanded the people that at the end of every _____ year they were to gather and hear the law read.
- Second
 - Seventh
 - Twelfth
 - Fiftieth
5. When Moses and Joshua appeared before the LORD in the tabernacle, the LORD appeared _____.
- In the form of a dove.
 - As a cloven tongue of fire
 - As an angel
 - As a pillar of a cloud.

Deuteronomy 34

6. From the top of _____, the LORD showed Moses the land that He had promised to their fathers.
- Mount Moriah
 - Mount Pisgah
 - Mount Tabor
 - Mount Hermon
7. Moses was buried in the land of _____.
- Moab
 - Egypt
 - Syria
 - Arabia
8. True or False: Moses was a very weak and frail man when he died.

9. The people mourned for Moses _____ days.

- a. Seven
- b. Fourteen
- c. Twenty-one
- d. Thirty

10. And there arose not a _____ since in Israel like unto _____, whom the Lord knew _____ to face, in all the _____ and _____, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of _____ to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, and in all that _____ hand, and in all the great _____ which Moses shewed in the sight of Israel.

Discussions

1. Explain why Moses striking the rock was a sin.

2. Discuss how the rock, from which the water flowed, was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Explain the two purposes of the law.
