

Moses Hits the Rock

Scripture reading: Numbers 20:1-29

After many years of travel through the wilderness, the Israelites reached a place called Kadesh Barnea that was close to the Promised Land. There was no water in that place. If the Israelites would've obeyed God immediately when He said them to enter the Promised Land, they wouldn't have suffered this but rather would've enjoyed the blessings of the land. They had to go through all of these struggles because of their disobedience. They never had water to drink. All were about to die. They started to argue and murmur against Moses.

Moses and Aaron prayed. They received an answer to their prayers. God commanded Moses to take the people to a rock nearby and to start speaking to the rock and water will flow out of the rock. But Moses instead of speaking to the rock pulled out his staff and hit the rock twice. Moses sinned against the lord for not obeying His commandments. Nevertheless, water gushed out of the rock. That rock is a foreshadow of Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4

Before this incident, once when there was a shortage of water, the Lord asked Moses to hit the rock. But now God had commanded him to speak. The first incident was a shadow of Christ being crucified on the cross. After that, for us to receive the living waters there is no need for him to be crucified again. He died once and for all for sin. Even now when we call out to His name we shall be saved. The action of Moses misrepresented the good news of the gospel. Therefore God did not allow Moses to enter the Promised Land.

Whatever God commands us, we have to do it completely without any compromise. We should not over do or under do His commandments. That is what God expects from us.

Questions:

- 1) Why did the Israelites murmur in the wilderness?
- 2) What was the mistake that Moses did?
- 3) What is God expecting from us?