

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. After Moses invoked God's blessing upon the people, what blessing did he receive?
2. Why was Moses only permitted to view the Promised Land from a distance?
3. What must we do to enter the Promised Land?
4. What makes a good spiritual leader?
5. Does a brother have to be an eloquent speaker to be a God-chosen leader?
6. How can we support our leaders?
7. Why should we obey our leaders? (Hebrews 13:17)

SUMMARY:

Moses realized that his life was nearly over even though he did not experience the failure of the flesh. The Bible says "his eyes were not dimmed and his natural force was not abated." As was so often customary he expressed his blessings upon the various tribes and reminded them of God's love and of His leading. Then God led him into the mountains and permitted Moses to see all of the Promised Land, but reminded him that because of an act of disobedience he could not enter.

However, as we have testimony in Matthew 17:3, God did take Moses to be with Him.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

June 29, 2008

Second Quarter

THE CLOSING DAYS OF A GREAT LEADER

LESSON TEXT: *Deuteronomy 33:1-29; 34:1-8*

LESSON SETTING: Moses leaves the plains of Moab to view the Promised Land from Mt. Nebo.

TIME: About 1451 B.C. - 40 years since leaving Egypt.

I. MOSES BLESSES THE TRIBES. Deuteronomy 33:1-29

A. General Blessings

1. God, Their Light (vs. 2) Isaiah 9:2; John 8:12; Ephesians 5:14
2. God's Love for Them (vs. 3) Deuteronomy 7:8; Jeremiah 31:3
3. God, Their Refuge (vs. 27) Psalm 27:5; Proverbs 14:26

II. MOSES VIEWS THE LAND. Deuteronomy 34:1-4

- A. From Mt. Pisgah (vs. 1) Deuteronomy 3:27
- B. The Promised Land (vs. 2-4a) Genesis 13:15; Genesis 15:18; Exodus 6:8; Leviticus 20:24; Numbers 14:8
- C. A Covenant Made (vs. 4b) Exodus 6:4; Judges 2:1; Romans 11:25-29

III. MOSES' DEATH. Deuteronomy 34:5-8

- A. A Servant of the Lord (vs. 5) 1 Kings 18:36; Daniel 3:26; 1 Peter 2:16
- B. According to the Word (vs. 5) 1 Kings 8:56; Ezekiel 12:25
- C. With God. Matthew 17:3

GOLDEN TEXT: *FOR TO ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST, AND TO DIE IS GAIN.*

Philippians 1:21

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Joshua 2:1-21; Hebrews 11:31
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Galatians 3:14; James 2:17-26

QUARTERLY THEME: Journeys of Israel

TOPIC: RAHAB MANIFESTS FAITH

INTRODUCTION:

Of all the people in the city of Jericho, why did God choose Rahab to protect the men Joshua had sent to spy out the land? Rahab had heard reports of how the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea, how they had conquered their enemies and that the people of Jericho feared them. Rahab not only feared the people of Israel, she believed in their God, for she said, “for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and in the earth beneath.”

What a tremendous statement coming from this sinner. She not only feared and believed, but her faith was proven by her works. We are told faith without works is dead. Rahab's faith was a living faith, proven by her works. She hid and protected the spies.

How many unconverted people also believe and have faith that God saves, but they do not prove their faith by works. They do not repent and turn to God; they do not obey. His Word is “repent and be baptized and you shall be saved”. Rahab did what she could and was saved. The scarlet cord was proof of her faith.

Are you willing to hang out your scarlet cord? If so, you also shall be saved.

CENTRAL TRUTH: For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain.
Philippians 1:21

GOLDEN TEXT: *AND THEY SAID, BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED AND THY HOUSE.*

Acts 16:31

The keeper of the prison who had been charged to keep Paul and Silas from escaping had just experienced the power of the living God. He had thrust the two apostles into the inner prison, with their feet fast in stocks. Yet here the doors were all open and the prisoners were free. He realized he needed to find favor of the powerful God and His Son who protected His servants.

The harlot Rahab had a similar experience. She had heard of the power of the God of Israel. She felt that her only salvation would be not to fight against the Israelites, but to gain their help and protection.

The God of Israel and the God of the Apostles is the same God today. When we realize His power and ask His help, we still have access to His grace and salvation, which is yet proclaimed today. “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men . . .” (2 Corinthians 5:11)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF June 30 – July 6

- M. *Rahab Manifests Faith. Joshua 2:1-21; Hebrews 11:31
- T. The Resourcefulness of Faith. Joshua 2:16-24
- W. The Assurance of Faith. Acts 27:15-25
- T. The Superiority of Faith. Galatians 3:1-14
- F. The Confirmation of Faith. Galatians 3:15-26
- S. The Accompaniment of Faith. James 2:17-26
- S. The Reward of Faith. Acts 27:33-44