

Lessons learned from Moses

The events in the life of Moses offer us some insight into lessons we all should have learned by now. Moses had trouble learning these lessons, and because of an act of self will, was not permitted to enter the Promised Land.

At forty Moses believed it was time to help deliver God's people. He killed an Egyptian who was mistreating his Hebrew brethren. Moses believed that the Hebrews would understand that he was the chosen leader. The mistake was that Moses did not learn that he would have to follow God's way. Moses did what he believed to be right, yet off into the land of Midian he fled.

While he lived his forty years in the land of Midian, God was working and preparing Moses. The incident of the burning bush was another lesson not fully learned. Moses was told to put off his shoes as he approached the bush because, "The place on which you are standing is Holy ground." This simple lesson is that God's ways are right. There can be no other way. Deliverance would come because of God's way, not because of man's.

Moses struck the rock, instead of speaking to it as God told him to. This third mistake was most tragic. Moses had not fully learned to completely surrender his own will. And, because of this misunderstanding, Moses could only see the Promised Land. I hope we understand that God wanted Moses to enter that land.

We are much like Moses. We have made the same mistakes he did. Moses is not one used as a good example of self-control because of his mistakes. We must learn from his mistakes and not make them again. We must follow God's way. We must because His way is right. Only through complete surrender to God's will can we enter the Promised Land.

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