



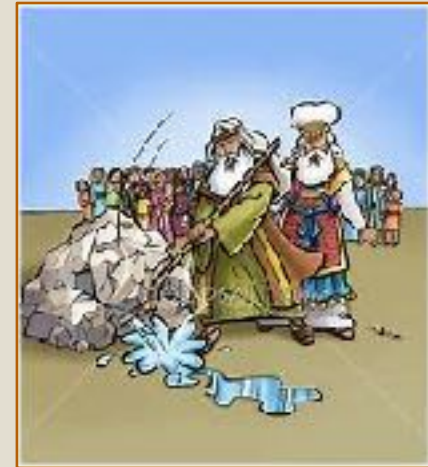
# Moses—Lesson 8

## The Price of Leadership

### Biblical Character Sketches

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into the land which I have given  
them”

Numbers 20:1-12



**WALKING IN THEIR  
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# A Discussion Point

**What was Moses' sin  
that brought such harsh  
judgment from God?**

## Common Answers to the Question

- Moses violated a **type** of Christ.
- **Disobedience** in striking rather than speaking
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- **Pride** in taking credit for the miracle

## The Proper Approach to Interpretation

- Study the passage.
- Harmonize with other Scripture.
- Allow the passage to speak for itself (exegesis).
- Recognize the trap of bias (isogesis).

## The Common Answers—a closer look

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According to v12, none of the above are the essence of his sin which resulted in chastisement

## Honoring Scripture to Interpret Scripture

- Inevitably leads different people to the **same** interpretation
- Illustrated this week
- Interpretation is the foundation for **application.**
- **Respect** for Scripture is one of the most important qualifications of an interpreter.

God's Answer to the Question (v12,

"Because...")

- Moses' grave sin as God's appointed leader was in **misrepresenting** God to the people.

- Believe = be faithful
- Sanctify = consecrate

This was a failure of leadership and demonstrates the price of leadership.

## The Price of Leadership

This was a gross failure of **leadership** and calling. Moses' responsibility was to **faithfully consecrate** Jehovah in the eyes of the Israelites, distinct from all the gods of Egypt. The price Moses paid for his sin is the **cost of leadership**. We rightfully expect more of our leaders in every realm of life. And when a leader abuses his office, he should be held to a higher account.





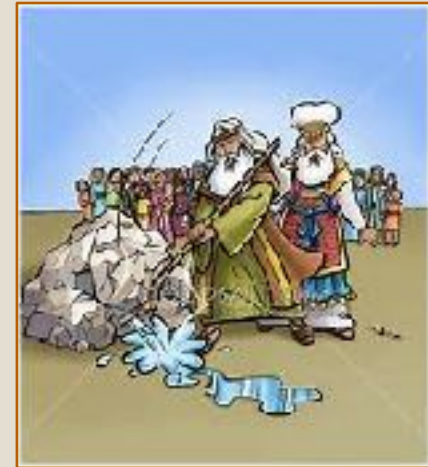
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