



# THE PROMISE

## Part 17 - Moses' Sin

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### What is the worst punishment you've received?

The entire Israelite community entered the Wilderness of Zin in the first month, and they settled in Kadesh. Miriam died and was buried there. 2 There was no water for the community, so they assembled against Moses and Aaron. 3 The people quarreled with Moses and said, "If only we had perished when our brothers perished before the Lord. 4 Why have you brought the Lord's assembly into this wilderness for us and our livestock to die here? 5 Why have you led us up from Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It's not a place of grain, figs, vines, and pomegranates, and there is no water to drink!" 6 Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the tent of meeting. They fell down with their faces to the ground, and the glory of the Lord appeared to them. 7 The Lord spoke to Moses, 8 "Take the staff and assemble the community. You and your brother Aaron are to speak to the rock while they watch, and it will yield its water. You will bring out water for them from the rock and provide drink for the community and their livestock." 9 So Moses took the staff from the Lord's presence just as He had commanded him. 10 Moses and Aaron summoned the assembly in front of the rock, and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels! Must we bring water out of this rock for you?" 11 Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with his staff, so that a great amount of water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

- Numbers 20:1-11

They angered the Lord at the waters of Meribah, and Moses suffered because of them; 33 for they embittered his spirit, and he spoke rashly with his lips.

- Psalm 106:32-33

12 But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust Me to show My holiness in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this assembly into the land I have given them." 13 These are the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the Lord, and He showed His holiness to them.

- Numbers 20:12-13

Please let me cross over and see the beautiful land on the other side of the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.

- Deuteronomy 3:25

### Every sin bears two types of consequences.

- a. Natural (Proverbs 5:22)
- b. Spiritual (Romans 3:23)

Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows he will also reap,

- Galatians 6:7

No creature is hidden from Him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account.

- Hebrews 4:13

### Two responses to the consequences of our sin:

- a. Accept/Lean into/Grow from (David)
- b. Reject/Run from/Become bitter (Cain)

Cain (Genesis 4:10-13)

David (2 Samuel 11:12-23, Psalm 51)

1 Be gracious to me, God, according to Your faithful love; according to Your abundant compassion, blot out my rebellion. 2 Wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against You—You alone—I have sinned and done this evil in Your sight. So You are right when You pass sentence; You are blameless when You judge. 5 Indeed, I was guilty when I was born; I was sinful when my mother conceived me. 6 Surely You desire integrity in the inner self, and You teach me wisdom deep within. 7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

- **Psalm 51:1-7**

## **Why does God deal with sin so seriously? (Why did God punish Moses like He did?)**

### **God is Holy**

*There is no one holy like the Lord. There is no one besides You! And there is no rock like our God.*

- **1 Samuel 2:2**

*God, Your way is holy. What god is great like God?*

- **Psalm 77:13**

*Lord, who is like You among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, revered with praises, performing wonders?*

- **Exodus 15:11**

*But the Lord of Hosts is exalted by His justice, and the holy God is distinguished by righteousness.*

- **Isaiah 5:16**

*God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne.*

- **Psalm 47:8**

*For it is written, Be holy, because I am holy.*

- **1 Peter 1:16**

*You must not profane My holy name; I must be treated as holy among the Israelites. I am Yahweh who sets you apart,*

- **Leviticus 22:32**

*And one called to another: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; His glory fills the whole earth. 4 The foundations of the doorways shook at the sound of their voices, and the temple was filled with smoke. 5 Then I said: Woe is me for I am ruined because I am a man of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.*

- **Isaiah 6:3-5**

### **God is Holy**

## **Jesus made the way for sinners to have a relationship with a Holy God.**

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. 24 They are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Him as a propitiation through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. 26 God presented Him to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be righteous and declare righteous the one who has faith in Jesus.*

- **Romans 3:23-26**

*Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus.*

- **Hebrews 10:19**

*“No one, Lord,” she answered. “Neither do I condemn you,” said Jesus. “Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”*

- **John 8:11**

## **The next time you sin and encounter its consequences remember:**

- a. Like David, confess and repent.**
- b. Run back to God Through the way made by Jesus.**
- c. Go and sin no more.**