

I. A Sin Recalled - Dt. 32:48-52

1. Here is an account of the death of Moses - just as Aaron his brother had died
 - without entering the promised land
 - the reason given, was that Moses did not uphold God's "holiness" (verse 51)
2. This passage is between the two great songs of Moses
 - Song #1 - Dt 32:1-43
 - Song #2 - Dt 33:1-29 - the song of Moses blessing
3. First song
 - Threats and warnings
 - judgments - God punishes us
4. Second Song
 - A joyful song - God loves and blesses Israel
 - God honors His covenant with Israel
5. Both songs are true - and both are "good"
- Rea -truth is often negative... for example, the truth that people get sick and die is negative, but reality (truth)
- Rea 6. By Moses NOT entering the promised land - a lesson is taught
 - God's truth does not spare even the greatest among us
 - God's truth is just that... truth (like it or not)
7. Most of us die with some regrets or some memories of things we wish we'd done differently - joys and sadness mingled
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Consider your own death - when you pass do you have regrets? - can you share those?
 2. Do you see how your past sins limit your future growth? - your future potential?
 3. Moses was just like us - he was not perfect

II. A Future Glimpsed - Dt. 34:4

1. God was about to fulfill His promises
 - Moses would not experience it, only "see" it
 2. Genesis 13:14-15 is a promise to the patriarchs
 3. Ana and Simeon got to "see" the Messiah - Luke 2:25-35
 - they had many expectations
 - their expectations were the same for so many of the Jewish nation - for years
- they lived (and died) looking forward to the fulfillment of God's promises
- they experienced just a small token of the Messiah's promised land
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. We are promised heaven... but have to die to experience it
 2. We are promised (also) a second coming... many have died without experiencing His return
 3. Moses makes no comment back to God - what might he have been thinking on this day?

III. A Man Remembered - Dt. 34:5-7

1. Moses died
 - “He” buried him - someone else or God?
 - No one knows where the grave is but God only
 - No shrine may be made to Moses
2. He lived in good health until it was his time
 - the fact that he had strength speaks to the power God gave him in later life to accomplish all that He required of him
3. The funeral weeping lasted 30 days (verse 8)
4. Verses 10-12 are a eulogy to Moses - as a great “prophet”
 - a great hero

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. What is a hero? - what character traits go to make one?
 - compare Spiderman to Moses (as heroes)
2. The man dies, but so does an era - all God’s eras are good ones, and He anoints and chooses just such people to lead His people through
 - God chooses pastors to lead churches in our day
3. He is honored, but not idolized - that is significant
4. To honor our leaders is great - but there are dangers. What do you see as a danger of idolizing our past leaders? What is the danger of not honoring such leaders?

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