

## Moses Sin at Kadesh

Numbers 20:7-9

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Thesis: I want to show what lessons we can learn from Moses & the mistake he made.

- Intro:
1. It is never pleasing to God to complain about his provisions.
  2. It is never pleasing to God to complain against His leaders.
  3. It also never pleases God for anyone to disobey Him, including His leaders.

### I. The Background

#### A. The Complaining (v.1-6)

1. The people complained against Moses & Aaron (v.2)
2. The common style of complaint was that the people constantly compared what they were given by what they had while in SLAVERY in Egypt. (v.5)

#### B. The Command to Moses & Aaron (v.7-9)

1. God's command was clear & direct.
2. Moses was to SPEAK to the rock unlike previously (**Exodus 17:6**).

### II. When Things Go Wrong

#### A. Moses Complaint Against Israel (v.10)

1. Moses complaint was that he had to bring water forth because of their complaining and rebelling.
2. Moses is clearly upset that the people of Israel are complaining yet again as he calls them rebels because of their actions against him and Aaron.

#### B. Moses Mistake (v.11).

1. Moses makes his mistake, he struck the rock instead of speaking to it.
2. God, in order to keep from looking as if He would not provide, brought water forth.
3. Moses however is rebuked by God right away.

### III. Lessons for us today.

#### A. God's Commands are not Negotiable

1. It doesn't matter if Moses was frustrated with the people.
2. It doesn't matter if the people had committed sin by complaining, which they had.
3. Moses action was wrong and sinful and God would punish Moses because of it.

#### B. The Cost of Religious Error

1. Moses was not able to enter the promised land (v.12)
2. Aaron was not able to enter the promised land (v.24)
3. Joshua would take Israel into the promise land (Joshua 1)

### Application & Conclusion:

1. Man must learn that nothing makes sin ok included frustrations.
2. May we never allow frustrations to cause us to sin.
3. Moses did and he paid the price.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9