

THE DEATH OF MOSES

BIBLE TEXT : Deuteronomy 31:14, 15; 32:48-52; 34:1-12

LESSON 143 Senior Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15)..

BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

Deuteronomy 31:14-15

¹⁴ And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁵ And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

Deuteronomy 32:48-52

⁴⁸ And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, ⁴⁹ Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: ⁵⁰ And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: ⁵¹ Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. ⁵² Yet thou shalt see the land before *thee*; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹ And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that *is* over against Jericho. And the

BIBLE REFERENCES:

I Moses the Mortal Man

- 1 Moses as a mortal man closed his career with the common fate of all men — death, Deuteronomy 32:48-52;

2 Samuel 14:14

¹⁴ For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect *any* person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

Job 30:23

²³ For I know *that* thou wilt bring me *to* death, and *to* the house appointed for all living.

Hebrews 9:27

²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

- 2 Moses as a mortal man had nothing to say as to the time of his death, the mode of it, or the place of it, Deuteronomy 31:14, 15; 32:48-50; 34:1-12

- 3 Moses' momentary taint with Israel's besetting sin, unbelief, was the main factor in his death,

Numbers 20:12

¹² And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

Numbers 20:24-28

²⁴ Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.

²⁵ Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor:

²⁶ And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there.

²⁷ And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

²⁸ And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

Numbers 27:12-14

¹² And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.

¹³ And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

¹⁴ For ye rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that *is* the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

Psalm 106:32-33

³² They angered *him* also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

³³ Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

- 4 Moses, regardless of his high post, was subjected as all men to the restraints and judgments of God; and suffered for his own misbehavior, Deuteronomy 32:48-52;

Daniel 4:33-37

LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, ² And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, ³ And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar. ⁴ And the LORD said unto him, This *is* the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see *it* with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. ⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. ⁶ And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. ⁷ And Moses *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. ⁸ And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses. ¹⁰ And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, ¹² And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

³³ The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.

³⁴ And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation:

³⁵ And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

³⁶ At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

³⁷ Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Daniel 5:22-23

²² And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;

²³ But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

Daniel 5:30

³⁰ In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

Job 36:5-12

⁵ Behold, God *is* mighty, and despiseth not *any*: *he is* mighty in strength *and* wisdom.

⁶ He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.

⁷ He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings *are they* on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

⁸ And if *they be* bound in fetters, *and* be holden in cords of affliction;

⁹ Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

¹⁰ He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

¹¹ If they obey and serve *him*, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

¹² But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

Colossians 3:25

²⁵ But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

II Moses the Saint of God

1 Moses saw the land of promise but did not enter into its borders, neither did the elders of Israel, nor Miriam, nor Aaron, Deuteronomy 32:52;

Numbers 20:1

¹ Then came the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

Numbers 20:28

²⁸ And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

Joshua 5:6-7

⁶ For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD swore that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD swore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

⁷ And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

2 Moses, in his calling of teacher and prophet to the people of God, was a type of Christ,

Exodus 4:15

¹⁵ And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

Exodus 24:12

¹² And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

Deuteronomy 4:1

¹ Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

Deuteronomy 4:14

¹⁴ And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

Deuteronomy 18:15

¹⁵ The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Deuteronomy 34:10

¹⁰ And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

Acts 3:22

²² For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Acts 7:37-44

³⁷ This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

³⁸ This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

³⁹ To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

⁴⁰ Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for *as for* this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

⁴¹ And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

⁴² Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?

⁴³ Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship

them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

⁴⁴ Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

- 3 Moses was called to a higher place from his work on earth, which was the giving of the Law, and the establishment of the tabernacle worship that was a shadow of the heavenly tabernacle,

Exodus 31:18

¹⁸ And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

John 1:17

¹⁷ For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

John 7:19

¹⁹ Did not Moses give you the law, and *yet* none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

Hebrews 8:5

⁵ Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Hebrews 10:1

¹ For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Romans 8:3

³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

- 4 Joshua, Moses' successor, was a type of Christ as the captain of the hosts of the Lord, and as such carried on the work of God where Moses relinquished it, Deuteronomy 34:9;

Exodus 17:9

⁹ And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

Exodus 24:13

¹³ And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

Exodus 33:11

¹¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Joshua 1:2

² Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.

Zechariah 3:1-10

¹ And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

² And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; *even* the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: *is* not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

³ Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

⁴ And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with

change of raiment.

⁵ And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

⁶ And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

⁷ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

⁸ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

⁹ For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

¹⁰ In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

III Moses the Immortal

- 1 Moses in his death was a type of the saints of God who have died in the hope of eternal life not yet received, Deuteronomy 34:5, 6;

Hebrews 11:13

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Hebrews 11:27

²⁷ By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Hebrews 11:39-40

³⁹ And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

⁴⁰ God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

¹⁷ Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

- 2 The high standing of Moses was testified to by God Himself, and in the revelation of Moses with Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration, Deuteronomy 34:10-12;

Numbers 12:7-8

⁷ My servant Moses *is* not so, who *is* faithful in all mine house.

⁸ With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

Matthew 17:3

³ And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

- 3 The personal love of God toward Moses is seen in that no human hand succored Moses in his last hour: God was his lifetime Friend and Companion, and was his consolation in

death, God Himself burying Moses, Deuteronomy 34:5, 6;

2 Corinthians 1:7

⁷ And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be* also of the consolation.

NOTES:

Life's End

The study of Moses' life is not complete until we look at his triumphant death: It was triumphant despite Moses' momentary indiscretion in smiting the rock twice at Meribah (**Numbers 20:11** ¹¹ And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*). Moses' disobedience to God's command was the prime factor in his death. Moses suffered the penalty of that disobedience: He was forbidden entrance into the land of promise because of it. Yet his life shines as a great testimony in the annals of the Church.

We are earthen vessels which contain the glory of God if we are children of God; so with Moses: He was not made of immortal clay, but was very much a human being as are we all: It was his triumphant victory over himself, subjecting himself to the will of God completely, that leaves us with such an inspiring example to follow: So long as we are in this mortal body we are subjected to the corrections and chastenings of God that we might be purified for eternal life: Thus was Moses, and thus he battled and won.

Christian Comfort

It has been the assurance of all believers, from the very beginning, that through faith in Jesus they would escape the pangs of spiritual death and a lost eternity: Moses knew of Christ and the hope of the resurrection, for he spoke of a Prophet like unto himself that would arise whom the people were to hearken unto, meaning Christ (**Acts 3:22** ²² For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you).

Moses had good authority to hope for such a possibility as the resurrection; for Enoch, the seventh from Adam, was translated that he should not see death (**Genesis 5:24** ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him. **Hebrews 11:5** By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God): Moses in his death, seeing the promise, and not inheriting it, is a clear picture of the saints of God who have died under the Law in the same hope.

Paul, speaking of these heroes of the faith says: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them.... And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect" (Hebrews 11:13, 39, 40).

Moses was not without hope in his death. Neither was he without consolation or comfort in that death: While saint and sinner alike often suffer the agony of physical pain in death, the sinner dies without comfort, without consolation in his hour of need, and worst of all, he dies without hope of any kind for the life beyond the grave: The sinner dies to drop into an everlasting and endless hell, made for the devil and his angels: Not so with the child of God: God is his comfort, and the angels of God are there to sustain him and help him over that last mile of the way

to eternal life:

The beauty of God's love for the ones He loves is plainly seen in Moses' death. Moses went to the Mount to die without human companionship: God had been his whole life; he had desired to know God more than anyone else in life: God's business had been Moses' business: Moses had asked nothing more than to know Him and be near Him. Miriam and Aaron, prophetess and prophet, Moses' sister and brother, had at one time both failed him and opposed him: So Moses, in life, lived unto God and died unto God; his life was separated from close human companionship and he went alone on that journey that all must travel: However, God went with Moses: No one is ever alone when God is along: The Jewish Rabbis tell **us** that the true meaning of the text of Moses' death is that God kissed his soul away: Could anyone ever feel remorse over such an ending?

God buried Moses in the land of Moab (**Deuteronomy 34:6**
⁶ And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day): It is a stirring thought to meditate on the majesty and honor that attended Moses in that hour, when God and His angels laid away to rest that beloved saint of God. So dies every saint of God: Human hands may lay away the remains of mortal clay, but it is the hand of God and His angels that receive the soul and spirit.

**"By Nebo's lonely mountain
On this side Jordan's wave,
In a vale in the land of Moab
There lies a lonely grave,
And no man knows that sepulcher,
And no man saw it e'er;
For the angels of God upturned the sod,
And laid the dead man there.**

**"Amid the noblest of the land
We lay the sage to rest,
And give the bard an honored place,
With costly marble drest,
In the great minster transept
Where lights like glories fall,
And the organ rings, and the sweet choir sings
Along the emblazoned wail.**

**"And had he not high honor
The hillside for a pall,
To lie in state while angels wait
With stars for tapers tall,
And the dark rook pines, like tossing plumes,
Over his bier to wave,
And God's: own hand, in that lonely land,
To lay him in the grave?"**

Resurrection Hope

The saint of God has died with peace and anticipation: He knows that on the resurrection morning when soul and body are reunited **and** raised in immortality he shall be the first, and those that are alive shall be the second (**1 Thessalonians 4:13-17** ¹³ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not

prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord).

The account of the Transfiguration of Christ, in Matthew's Gospel, reveals to us that Moses appeared there with Elijah: Moses is a representative of the sleeping saints awaiting the resurrection, as Elijah is a representative of the living saints awaiting their translation: Jude **makes** reference to Moses, which strongly implies that Moses had been *resurrected*, and received his glorified body when he appeared with Christ: "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee" (Jude 9).

Momentous Changes

There are several remarkable landmarks of God's plan of salvation shown us at the time of Moses' death: Moses was the instrument God used to reveal to mankind His commandments, the Law of the Levitical sacrifices, and the priesthood worship: This setting up of tabernacle worship was to instruct men how to worship God: The Law was a schoolmaster to bring men to Christ; the Levitical sacrifices were to show men the need of a sacrifice and the shedding of blood for atonement for sin; and the priesthood was a beautiful type of the One who would be our High Priest, making intercession for us before God the Father: It was Moses' duty and task to establish these things, to instruct the people in the Law and the worship of God: He was teacher, shepherd, and prophet extraordinary.

An era in Israel's history was closed, and the work of the leader of that period closed with it. When God sees fit to remove one of His leaders as great as Moses, the work does suffer; but it is the Lord's work, and He will take good care of it: Sometimes God *is* limited greatly because of the lack of ability and willing consecration in the men He wants to use.

God does not replace His workers with stereotypic duplicates: When a leader is gone, God lets another fill his place: Fortunate for Israel, Joshua was wholly consecrated to the will of God and Israel's good.

Joshua, Moses' successor, was a different type of man, was of a different personality, and had a different calling: Moses was called to instruct, to establish, to build, and to unify; Joshua was called to carry on, to propagate that which had been established, and to build on that which had been founded: Joshua was the captain of Israel's armies, and in that capacity he was a type of Christ, who is the Captain of our salvation, Captain of the host of the Lord, the Lion of Judah: It was Joshua who went out to lead Israel in battle while Moses stayed to pray for the victory (**Exodus 17:9** ⁹ And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand).

As Israel was ready to enter the Promised Land the need was for one called to lead them in battle against all enemies: God's plan of salvation **is** adequate for every circumstance: The need for talent and capabilities **in** God's ministers and shepherds, properly to instruct and guide the flock of God, has never been overlooked: It was not overlooked in Moses; and Joshua, the successor of Moses, was in training many years for *his* day of leadership. When God in His wisdom removed Moses, his successor was ready.

Joshua probably never could have done the work Moses did: Moses had lived a tremendously responsible life; and when it came time for the Children of Israel to enter the Promised Land, a great work was yet to be done: None is called to do the whole work of God: Some are to plant, others to water, and God will bring the harvest, (I Corinthians 3:6-8): Moses laid down his task knowing that the cause of God would not suffer for lack of leadership: He had finished his course and there was laid up for him a crown of righteousness.

Several remarkable comparisons are to be seen in the Books of the Pentateuch and Joshua, and the four Gospels and the Book of Acts: The first five Books of the Bible bring us through the beginning of God's dealings with men, to the establishing of a definite form of the worship of God: Moses is the character God used to establish this worship, and he stands out as a man of rare quality: The Book of Joshua is a record of the Israelites, as to how they carried on the worship of God after it had been established.

The four Gospels tell us of the life and the preaching of Christ. Of course, He is the Figure that fills all its pages. Christ brought a new presentation of worship to Israel and to the world: the worship of God in spirit and in truth, in comparison to the Law with its sacrifices, and priesthood: The Acts of the Apostles are a record of the disciples of Christ and the manner with which they continued in the worship of God as Christ had introduced it.

Following the death of Moses there was a change in many ways in the life of Israel: While this was not a dispensational change, yet under Joshua they entered the Promised Land and established their tabernacle worship in one permanent place, Shiloh. New circumstances had to be met now under a new leader.

The death and resurrection of Christ was a dispensational change: The change was great for all: The worship of God under the Law was no more: The Dispensation of Grace had arrived. Jesus was no more on earth, and the Holy Spirit was to be the Teacher, and still is: Moses in his leadership was a beautiful type of Christ, that great Prophet, to whom Israel was to hearken in later years.

QUESTIONS

- 1 What was the cause of Moses' death?
- 2 Is there such a thing as the providence of God concerning itself with the death of God's saints?
- 3 Did Moses die in disgrace?
- 4 Who helped to bury Moses?
- 5 How was Moses a type of Christ?
- 6 How was Joshua a type of Christ?
- 7 What was the change of policy Israel made at the time of Moses' death?
- 8 How are the Books of Moses and Joshua comparable to the four Gospels and the Book of Acts?
- 9 What proof do we have that Moses is in Heaven?