

BECAUSE YE
BELIEVED ME NOT

Numbers 20:12

What God told Moses to do

- Take the rod
- Gather the assembly
- Speak to the rock before their eyes

What Moses did

- Took the rod
- Gathered the assembly
- Spoke rashly to the people
- Struck the rock twice

Numbers 20:12

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because **you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel**, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.’”

Numbers 27:14

“For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, **you rebelled against My command to hallow Me at the waters before their eyes.**” (These are the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)”

Deuteronomy 32:48-52

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses that very same day, saying: ‘Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession; and die on the mountain which you ascend, and be [a]gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people; because **you trespassed against Me** among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, **because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel**. Yet you shall see the land before you, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel.’”

Psalm 106:32-33

“They angered Him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses on account of them;

Because they rebelled against His Spirit, so that **he spoke rashly with his lips.**”

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- “Because you did not believe me...”
- Hebrews 3:12-19

“And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”

- Romans 10:16
- Romans 10:17

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- Mark 16:16
 - God says:
 - “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved; he who disbelieves shall be condemned”
 - Some men practice this:
 - “He who believes is saved and can, or even should, be later baptized”
 - “He who is sprinkled shall be saved and can later believe”
 - The problem? They don’t believe God.
- Do you believe God or men?
 - Which have you done?

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- Ephesians 5:19
 - God says:
 - “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord...”
 - Some men practice this:
 - Mechanical instruments of music
 - The problem? They don't believe God.
- Do you believe God or men?
 - Which do you do?

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- Matthew 19:9
 - Jesus says:
 - “And I say to you, ‘whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery’”
 - Some men practice this:
 - Whoever includes only Christians.
 - The problem? They don’t believe God.
- Do you believe God or men?
 - What do you believe?

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2. Believing God involves sanctifying God

- Moses did not sanctify God
- Sanctify = to set apart; hallow
- Moses' words magnified himself instead of God, and in doing so, he did not sanctify God and he did not glorify God.
 - He spoke “rashly” or “unadvisedly”
- Moses' actions magnified himself instead of God, and in doing so, he did not sanctify God and he did not glorify God.
 - He spoke to the people, not the rock, and struck the rock

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- Leviticus 10:1-1-4
 - By doing what God has not commanded, you are not regarding God as holy (sanctified, hallowed), and you are not glorifying Him.
 - Who is glorified then?
 - By doing what God has commanded, you are regarding God as holy (sanctified, hallowed), and you are glorifying Him.

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- Exodus 20:1-17
 - Consider...
 - How the first 3 commandments speak of the holiness of God, regarding Him as holy, hallowing or sanctifying Him
 - How the next 7 commandments speak further of how God is sanctified by one's conduct
- Under the new covenant, does God expect anything less regarding sanctifying the Lord God?

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- Sanctification – God's part & man's part
 - Yes, God sanctifies men
 - Hebrews 10:29; 9:11-14
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - But we must sanctify God!
 - Matthew 6:9
 - 1 Peter 3:15
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7
 - 1 Peter 1:13-19

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- If you sanctify God in your heart, then
 - He is reverend to you
 - He is first place
 - He is obeyed
 - You do not live according to your own desires

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3. His disobedience was an act of rebellion against God's word

- “Rebelled against My commandment”
 - “against My mouth” (reference in NASB)
 - “against My word” (ASV)
- Consider the irony of Moses' charge
- Is God's word to be strictly followed?

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- Is God's word to be strictly followed?
 - Someone says, "yes, this incident shows that to be true, but surely there is grace under the new covenant"
 - Yes, there's grace under the new covenant!
 - But grace DOES NOT EQUAL "wobble-room" with the commands of God!
 - Grace is the undeserved favor of God to forgive us when we violate His will!

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- The seriousness of rebellion
 - 1 Samuel 15:23
- Sin is lawlessness
 - 1 John 3:4

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- Excuses?
 - “God had said before to strike”
 - “God did not say not to”
 - “Still brought forth water”
- Two possible attitudes we can have:
 - “Where does the Bible say not to?”or....“What does the Bible say?”
 - Romans 4:3
 - 1 Corinthians 14:37

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4. God will punish disobedience

- Moses (and Aaron) would not enter Canaan
- God's view of sin vs. man's view
 - Man says "brief" "one thing" "minor"
- God will punish the impenitent
 - Romans 2:5-10
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:6

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5. God was hallowed among them

- The judgment against Moses & Aaron was a revelation of the holiness of God
- “And He was hallowed among them” (verse 13)
 - Acts 5:11
 - 1 Timothy 5:20

Learning from Moses

- Believing God involves obeying God.
Disobedience is disbelief
- Believing God involves sanctifying God
- Disobedience is rebellion against God's word
- God will punish disobedience
- God will be hallowed even in His judgments