

Deuteronomy 34

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Moses is one scriptural figure whose circumstances of birth mark him for extraordinary service to God. We could include Samuel, John the Baptist, and the Lord Jesus Himself in this group.

John and Jesus, as we well know, met with violent deaths. Samuel seems likely to have died of old age; we read little of him between the anointing of David in 1 Samuel 16 and his death in 1 Samuel 25. He seems to have continued in his duties but there is a pall of disappointment over his life after he is compelled to place a king over Israel.

And now we come to Moses' end. He still retains his youthful vigor. God has not turned His face from him.

Indeed, He still speaks to Moses face to face. Yet Moses will not be allowed to cross into the land, despite having devoted his life to bring the children of Israel to its threshold.

Will any of us find ourselves on Mount Nebo? That is, will we still enjoy God's favor but because of past disobedience be denied a ministry on which we had set our hearts? It's a sobering thought to consider.

Notes

34:1 Mount Nebo is northeast of where the Jordan River enters the Dead Sea, opposite Jericho. From its summit you can see much of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, Jericho and, on a clear day, the hills of Jerusalem. Pisgah is likely the range where Nebo is located.

Questions:

1. Why is Moses not allowed to enter the land?

2. Is verse 10 still true today?

3. What were some of the miracles and displays of God's might performed by Moses?

4. What is the equivalent name to Joshua in the New Testament?
5. Hebrews 3:5-6 tells us “Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.” What are some other comparisons and contrasts between Moses and the Lord Jesus?