

“The Chosen (12): Crossing Over”

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□ Exodus 17:3-6

- ◆ Exodus 17:6—“Behold, I will stand _____ you there on the _____.”
- ◆ I Corinthians 10:4—“And all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was _____.”
- ◆ Exodus 17:6—“And you shall _____ [Heb: *nakah*] the rock, and [life-saving] _____ will flow forth.”
 - Isaiah 53:4, 7—“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, _____ [Heb: *nakah*] by God and afflicted. . . . He was led as a lamb to the slaughter.”
 - John 19:34—“But one of the soldiers pierced [Jesus’] side with a spear, and immediately blood and _____ came out.”
 - John 4:14—“Whoever drinks of the _____ that I shall give him will never thirst. [It shall be] a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”
- ◆ The inescapable point?
 - The divine command to _____ the Rock once, so that the water of life would flow, was intended to teach Moses and Israel the truth of _____.
 - Hebrews 9:28—“So Christ was offered _____ to bear the sins of many.”
 - The Rock need be stricken only _____, and from Calvary’s fountain would flow for all time life-giving, life-saving water.

□ Numbers 20:1-12

- ◆ Roy Gane, *NIV Application Commentary* vol 3: “[Moses] and Aaron are to merely speak (plural) to the rock. This will be an even greater miracle [than in Exodus 17 where he struck the rock], as there is no possibility that a physical blow will simply dislodge the natural plug to an aquifer.” (671)
- ◆ But apparently, even the greatest of leaders and the meekest of saints can in one blinding moment _____ melt down.
 - Though not all have—_____ didn’t, _____ didn’t, _____ didn’t.
 - I Peter 2:23—“He did _____ retaliate when he was insulted. . . . He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.”
- ◆ What was Moses’ sin?
 - He takes all the _____ to himself, eclipsing _____ completely.
 - “Must _____ bring water for you out of this rock?” (v 10)
 - Gane notes that the phrase, “lifted his hand” (v 11) in the Hebrew is the same language used in Numbers 15:30 to describe “high-handed” or _____ sin, for which the divine sentence is, “he shall be cut off from among his people.”

- *Patriarchs and Prophets*: “God shut Moses out of Canaan, to teach a lesson which should never be forgotten—that He requires exact _____, and that men are to beware of taking to themselves the _____ which is due to their Maker.” (479)

□ **A reflection on the profound mercy of God**

◆ For Aaron:

- The word “saint(s)” is used nearly 100 times in Scripture, but is never connected with a person’s name, except for once.
- Psalm 106:16—“_____, the saint of the LORD.”
- “Saints are sinners under construction. [*Desire of Ages* declares], ‘Christ is sitting for His portrait in every disciple.’ Saints are people who have to have many _____. Saints are _____ whom God is saving.” (Dunham p 58)
- Because of divine mercy you can fill in your name: “_____, the saint of the Lord.”

◆ For Moses:

- Deuteronomy 34
- Jude 9
- Apparently Mercy can reclaim even the _____ !

“O come, O come, Immanuel!”

Before, rock, Christ, strike, water, smitten, water, water, strike, Calvary, once, once, spiritually, Joseph, Daniel, Jesus, not, credit, God, we, defiant, obedience, glory, Aaron, retakes, sinners, intentionally left blank put your name here, dead