

Lesson 9

Moses Sins

The pillar of cloud and fire led the people to Kadesh. Again at Kadesh, they had no water. So again, they grumbled and complained to Moses and Aaron. They still didn't trust God to take care of them, even though He had taken care of them for years and years.

The Lord told Moses to take his rod to a rock and speak to the rock. Then God would make water come out of the rock— water for all the people and all their animals to drink. So Moses and Aaron gathered all the people around the big rock, and then Moses hit the rock twice. But he wasn't supposed to hit the rock, was he? God had told him to speak to the rock. God expects us to do what He says in just the way that He says to do it. Moses did not do what God told him to do, but God still made water come out of the rock.



What did God tell Moses to do to get water?

What did Moses do to the rock to get water from it?

Did Moses obey God?

Did water come out of the rock?

Moses and Aaron had not trusted God enough to obey Him. And, Moses had not given the glory to God for giving them the water. "But the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron. He said, 'You did not trust in Me....So you will not bring this community into the land I am giving them.'" Moses and Aaron were being punished for disobeying God.



What was Moses' and Aaron's punishment for not obeying God?

God didn't punish Moses and Aaron right then for their sin. He went ahead and gave them water when they needed it, but He punished them later. When we do wrong things, we may not always get punished right then. We will be punished, even though it may be much later. God loves us. He wants us to trust Him enough to obey whatever He says.

When we do wrong things do we always get punished right then?
