

Discoveries in Desert Places #7 Numbers 20:1-13 Life Lessons from Moses May 5, 2019

#7 My Desert Place is a Deciding Place – of choices and consequences Gal 6:7

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The Source of the Conflict ... same old - no water, complaining, accusing

What tapes are you playing over and over? "O My Soul..." Psalm 42:5 103:2

Moses' Response - going to the Lord - so far so good

God's Direction - "speak to the rock, water will come"

Simple, clear, definite, doable, God centered

The Obvious Failure – Feelings are hurt, hearts grow hard, bitter seeds are sown

Strikes the rock twice - anger, indignation, self-exaltation, rebellion

He could see rebellion in others, but was blind to it himself

The Apparent Success - Water came didn't it? That's what's important isn't it?

The Eventual Consequence - forgiven yet severe consequences came

1 John 1:7-9 Gal 6:5-7 Num 20:24 Deut 3:23-29 Num 20:12 Deut 32:49-52

Neither Moses, Miriam or Aaron would enter the Promised Land -

To knowingly disobey brings bitter consequences

For Aaron it was pressure.... for Miriam: prejudice...For Moses: anger

What are your "besetting sins"? Heb 12:1 Know yourself!

Whose glory, purpose, power, credit, honor, name?

The Glory of Grace... Grace means we are fully forgiven - Matt 17 Moses & Elijah

The Warning of Consequences Gal 6:7

You can choose your choices, but not their consequences!

Fools Forget About Consequences Gal 6:7 time lag ... false hope reaping won't come

Nadab and Abihu's wrong offering *Israel's* rebellion at Kadesh Barnea

Moses' rebellion at Meribah *Achan's* rebellion gold & garments

Samson's rebellion as Nazirite *Saul's* rebellion with Amalikes

David's rebellion with the ark *Solomon's* rebellion idolatrous wives

Grace is not a license to sin - not a free pass to escape all consequences. Jude 1

Let us rejoice with trembling ,

let us draw near and fear the Lord,

let us receive both grace and warning!