

# **The Death of Moses**

## **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

### *Study Guide*

Our Study of the Book of Deuteronomy has shown us that Moses was a great man because he knew and obeyed God. He was God's chosen man to receive guidance from God and pass it along to the Children of Israel. He was the channel that God used to bless His people.

Moses must have been a strong man, both physically and spiritually. He must have been a very wise and able leader. His education in Egypt must have equipped Him intellectually and socially. However, we are told nothing about his human abilities. All we see is a man who drew His strength from God. He was a faithful man of God who served Him in order that Israel might come to know God and to do His will.

Moses is such a great example to us of humility, leadership, and service. But more than that, he is a display of God's grace. From Moses' call, God was not only working through Moses, but working on Moses. In this last lesson on Deuteronomy we see that Moses was a man that God graciously encouraged, equipped, reprimanded, and replaced.

### **Day 1**

#### **Read Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

1. What are your general thoughts about Moses? What was it about his leadership style that made him effective? Would you want him as your leader? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Read Exodus 33:12-16. What was Moses' prayer from verse 13?

3. Moses knew that to know God, he had to first know His "ways." What does it mean to know God? What did Moses mean by "His ways?" How do you get to know Him? How is this similar or different than the way Moses got to know Him? Do you know Him?
  
4. Moses took an active part in delivering Israel from Egypt and preparing them for the Promised Land. Read Exodus 4:10-13. Was this a job that Moses desired? After looking over the life and ministry of Moses, were his fears justified? Is God's work limited by human inability? How can you take comfort in this?
  
5. Thank God that He uses fallible human instruments to bless His people and to advance His work. Ask Him to use you in spite of your shortcomings. Commit to knowing God by examining His ways in His Word so that you will walk in a manner pleasing to Him.

## **Day 2**

### **Read Deuteronomy 34:1-6**

1. Verse 1 says that "the Lord showed him all the land." Why did the Lord do this? What was the point of viewing it if he was not allowed to go?





4. After Moses died, God raised up Joshua to take his place and the sons of Israel listened to Him. No man could have taken over Moses' responsibilities unless he possessed the same resources as Moses did. As we have seen, Moses' resources exceeded limited natural gifts--they were from God. What does it mean that Joshua was "filled with the spirit of wisdom?" What is wisdom? Why did Moses lay his hands on him?
  
5. While God uses some men mightily, they are still men, and as men, they die. Understand that God may use you extensively, but He is powerful enough to carry on His work without you. Acknowledge that your days are numbered, as Moses' was. God gave you life and can take it from you at any moment. Ask God that He will use you in the time that you have left on earth. Be grateful that God blesses you by using you as His instrument, and never have the attitude that you are irreplaceable.

### **Day 4**

#### **Read Deuteronomy 34:10-12**

1. What was unique about Moses as compared to other men of God in the Bible?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Read Exodus 33:7-11. What comparison to human relationships is used to describe the way that Moses met God?



