

Moses – Upholding Holiness.

Numbers 20:7-12: ⁷ The LORD said to Moses, ⁸ "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink." ⁹ So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him. ¹⁰ He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" ¹¹ Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. ¹² But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.", "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

Deuteronomy 32:49-51 ⁴⁹ "Go up into the Abarim Range to Mount Nebo in Moab, across from Jericho, and view Canaan, the land I am giving the Israelites as their own possession. ⁵⁰ There on the mountain that you have climbed you will die and be gathered to your people, just as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people. ⁵¹ This is because both of you broke faith with me in the presence of the Israelites at the waters of Meribah Kadesh in the Desert of Zin and because you did not uphold my holiness among the Israelites.

Moses failed to _____ the _____ of God.

God's reputation is _____ by the way those who claim him as Lord live their lives.

The main point:

- 1) For those who want to be in a relationship with the living God, obedience means doing things _____ way.
- 2) The _____ we obey is as important, sometimes more so, as simply being obedient.
- 3) How we serve God is a _____ to His _____.

So then why does God depend on frail humanity to uphold his holiness? (John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, 1 Peter 2:4-5.)