



Little Sins?



Little Sins And Heroes Of Faith

- Where did Moses want to go?
 - Ex. 3:16-17 - “Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, ‘I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt; 17 and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.’”



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- Why wasn't he permitted to go there?
 - Num. 20:8-12 - “Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals.’ 9 So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him. 10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, ‘Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?’ 11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank. 12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.’”



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- Why were Adam and Eve cast out of the Garden of Eden?
 - Gen. 3:1-13, 16-24
- All sins, great or small, will be punished.
 - Heb. 2:2-3 - “For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?”



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- How did Moses react to his punishment?
 - Deut. 3:23-28 - “Then I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying: 24 ‘O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds? 25 I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.’ 26 But the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the LORD said to me: ‘Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter. 27 Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift your eyes toward the west, the north, the south, and the east; behold it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan. 28 But command Joshua, and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see.’”



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- Deut. 34:1-5 - “Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the LORD said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I will give it to your descendants. I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ 5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.”



Little Sins Matter

- Lev. 10:1-5 - “Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. 2 So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. 3 And Moses said to Aaron, ‘This is what the LORD spoke, saying: By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.’ So Aaron held his peace. 4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, ‘Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.’ 5 So they went near and carried them by their tunics out of the camp, as Moses had said.”



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- Matt. 5:18-19 - “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”



Consequences Of Little Sins

- Some sins have irreparable consequences
 - Criminal record, pregnant out of wedlock, gossip, murder
 - Judas' little sin of greed facilitated the death of Jesus.
 - Adam's little sin meant Jesus had to go to the cross.
 - Moses' little sin meant Jesus had to go to the cross.
 - Our little sins mean that Jesus had to go to the cross.
 - God had to watch His Son die because of our little sins.



Hiding Little Sins

- Men believe little sins are easy to hide.
 - Illegal drug use, insider trading, tax evasion, lying, drinking at home



Hiding Little Sins

- What happens when we try to hide our little sins?
 - Luke 8:17 - “For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.”
 - Luke 12:1-3 - “In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, ‘Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2 For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. 3 Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.’”
 - Num. 32:23 - “But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.”



Beware Of:

- Viewing any sin lightly - “It is only a little sin.”
- Trying to hide sins; no one will ever succeed.
- Thinking that some sins have no consequences.