THE NATURE OF MOSES’ MISTAKE

He robbed God of the glory. Num. 20:10
a. Must “we” bring you forth water? Did not sanctify God. Num. 20:12
b. Same mistake is frequently made today
(1) By refusing to wear Christ’s name. Col. 1:18; Acts 4:12
(2) By leaving the church out. Eph. 3:10, 21
Establishing schools, church supported. Other institutions to do benevolent work. Eph. 4:12
Missionary organizations to evangelize.

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He rebelled against God’s commandments
Num. 27:14
a. “Ye believed me not.” Num. 20:12, 24; Deut. 3:26-27
(1) We rebel when we prefer commandments of men. Mt. 15:1-9

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He acted under heat of pressure, or passion. Num. 20:3-5,10-11
a. Spoke unadvisedly with his lips. Ps. 106:32-33
b. Much like saying "Raca", "thou fool." Mt. 5:22
c. Smote the rock twice - unauthorized. Always dangerous.

He sinned publicly. Num. 20:12
a. "In the eyes of the children of Israel.”
(1) We are responsible for our influence. Rom. 14:7-8; Mt. 5:13-16
(2) For secret sins we must repent and pray. Rom. 2:16
(3) For public sins make public acknowledgment. Jms. 5:16
THE SERIOUSNESS OF HIS MISTAKE

Think of all Moses had done:
1. Delivered Israel; gave the law; was their mediator and their intercessor; their great leader.
2. He longed for Canaan. Heb. 11:24-28

Yet, he could not enter.
Num. 20:12
2. We should take heed. 1 Cor. 10:10-12
3. Not all professed believers will enter heaven. Mt. 7:21-23

THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS MISTAKE

Not permitted to enter Canaan
Deut. 34:4-5
1. Moses was not kept out of heaven. Mt. 17:1-5
2. But out of Canaan, a type of heaven.
3. There could not have been a more bitter disappointment.
4. How will it be with you at the judgment? Beware of mistakes.