

GETTIN RID OF STUFF (#6)

Request: “Could you explain in simple Bible terms the difference between the OSN (old sin nature) behavior and OMCD (old man cosmos diabolicus) behavior?”

- Lesson #1: Gettin Rid of Stuff of the old sin-nature.
- Lesson #2: Does will power play a role in controlling the old sin-nature?
- Lesson #3: Continuing our study on the old sin-nature?
- Lesson #4: Causes of old man cosmos diabolicus (OMCD) behavior in the CWL.
- Lesson #5: Winning over old man cosmos diabolicus (OMCD) behavior in the CWL.
- **Lesson #6: “Warning”: Breaking Faith**

In our final lesson, we will study the difficulty of Gettin Rid of the Stuff that hinders the believer living out to the full potential of the will of God.

Today’s lesson will study Moses who at the age of 120 had reached and maintained super grace maturity status over the last 40 years of his life **yet broke faith with God**. Moses’ life can be studied in three sections of 40 years: Egypt, Midian, and Exodus wilderness.

It was also during the Midian training that Moses **reach** super grace spiritual maturity:

- “Considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king’ for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.” (Heb.11:26-27)

It was during this period that Moses **maintained** super growth maturity and was awarded the title, Servant of the Lord as he led the Israelites:

- “And when Israel **saw** the great power which the Lord has used against Egyptians, the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in His servant Moses.”

After 80 years of spiritual growth preparation (reaching and maintaining) for living daily and consistent within the plan of God, **why** did this super grace mature believe **break faith with God** and miss the fulfilled destiny of his call in the plan of God – to lead the Israelites into the Promise Land:

- “For **you shall see** the land at a distance, but **you shall not go** there, into the land which I am giving to the sons of Israel.” (Deut.32:52; 34:7/ death)
- “**Because** you broke faith (maal / kal pf) with Me in the midst of the sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, **because** you did not treat Me as holy in the midst of the sons of Israel.” (Deut.32:51; Num.20)

This lesson will study five aspects of Moses Breaking Faith with God as a super grace mature believer.

1. **Moses was called to lead a congregation that had a problem with reaching spiritual maturity and was constantly complaining about God’s grace (Heb.3-4)**

“Today if you hear His voice, do not **harden your heart**, as when they provoked Me. For **who provoked Him when they had heard?** Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who **sinned**, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?”
(Heb.3:15-17) [**Reversionism**]

Three days from the Exodus they were complaining and it never stopped for 40 years (Ex.15:22-27).

40 years earlier at Meribah the Exodus generation complained about water and the Lord told Moses to take his famous rod and strike the rock and get grace water (Ex.17:1-7)

- “And he named the place Massah (test) and Meribah (quarrel) because of the **quarrel** of the sons of Israel, and because they **tested** the Lord saying, ‘Is the Lord among us, or not?’” (Ex.17:7)
- “And all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from the spiritual rock which followed them; and **the rock was Christ**. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.” (1 Cor.10:3-4)

2. Now at the end of this 40 years, Moses is back at Massah (testing) and Meribah (quarreling) with a few of the original complaining Israelites mixed in with a lot of new generation Israelites.

“The people thus contended with Moses and spoke saying, ‘If only we had perished when our brothers perished before the Lord!’” (Num.20:3, 13)

- **Lord to Moses:** “Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and **speak to the rock** before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink.” (Num.20:8)
- **Moses to Rock:** “Then Moses lifted up his hand and **struck the rock twice with his rod**; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beast drank.” (Num.20:11)
- **Lord to Moses:** “**Because** you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, **therefore** you shall not bring **this assembly** into the land which I have given them.” (Num.20:12)

Deut.32:51 called this BREAKING FAITH with God.

How could this happen to a super grace, spiritually mature leader like Moses?

3. ANSWER: Unresolved OMCD thinking in Moses’ ‘heart’!

A problem of OMCD that was present in Moses, some 80 years earlier while in Egypt is relevant to his ‘breaking faith’ as a super grace mature believer (Ex.2:11-14).

Moses couldn’t stand injustice under his command, whether it was an Egyptian or an Israelite. Because of a distorted OMCD view of justice, he justified the use of injustice as a leader:

- “Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?” (Ex.2:14) [Moses’ OMCD kink in his armor].

Common sense, a reality check and the threat from Pharaoh put Moses in flight to Midian (Ex.2:15).

The Lord spent the next 80 years teaching Moses to think NMDV

- “Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.” (Ex.3:10)
- “So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of their despondency and cruel bondage.” (Ex.6:9) [sons of Israel OMCD]

4. Now, 40 years later camped on the border of the Promised Land, the sons of Israel are still complaining from OMCD thinking against the leadership of Moses (Num.20:2-5).

- **Israel OMCD thinking:** Moses is our problem [not true], why are you making Moses your problem!
- **Moses OMCD thinking:** Sons of Israel are my problem [not true], why are you making the sons of Israel your problem! “Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of **this rock?**” (Num.20:10)
- **Israel NMDV thinking:** (Gen.50:20) [God’s will] (Matt.26:39) **and not** OMCD unresolved problem like Ex.6:9.
- **Moses NMDV thinking:** (Ex.3:13-14) [I AM WHO I AM] has sent me to you **and not** OMCD unresolved like Ex.2:13-14.

5. Moses’ super grace mature ministry was cut short.

Not because of age or leadership, but because of unresolved OMCD thinking:

- “Although Moses was 120 years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.” (Deut.34:7)
- Moses tried to recover from this OMCD sin but it was over (Deut.3:26; Num.20:12; Eph.4:22-24; Rom.12:2).

Listen to his farewell words of wisdom to Joshua and second generation: (Deut.32:44-47)

Then Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he, with Joshua the son of Nun. When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, he said to them, “Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this law.”For it is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life. And by this word you will prolong your days in the land, which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess.”