

BBC Home Bible Study Outline – 8/11/24 – The First Step of Repentance

Numbers 20:1-12

Background

Moses was a great man of God!

- [Ex. 33:11](#)
- [Matt. 17:1-3](#)
- [Num. 12:3](#)

Question: *What were some of Moses' other good qualities/characteristics?*

But despite Moses' good qualities, he was not a perfect man... he was a sinner and the things written about him are set forth as an example for us.

- Read [1 Cor. 10:11-12](#); [1 Tim. 3:16](#)

Repentance

Question: *Is repentance a one-time event or an ongoing lifestyle?*

1. Repentance as a one-time event
 - [Mark 1:15](#); [Luke 15:10](#); [Acts 2:37-38](#); [Acts 3:19a](#)
2. Repentance as an ongoing lifestyle
 - [Rev. 2:5](#); [Rev. 3:19](#); [2 Cor. 7:8-9](#)
 - Repentance is continually necessary because: [1 John 1:8](#)

In Moses' case... after his sin of striking the rock instead of speaking to it, was he repentant over his sin? We find 2 different versions...

Version 1 (What God said)

- [Num. 20:12](#) [Num. 20:14](#) [Num. 27:12-24](#)

Version 2 (What Moses said)

- [Deut. 1:34-37](#) [Deut. 3:26](#) [Deut. 4:21-22](#)

God's version is always correct! Read [Jeremiah 17:9-10](#).

But Moses' version reveals a lack of a repentant heart... because **the first step of repentance is confession**.

- Confession means to agree with God and to admit and take ownership for our sin

Instead, Moses shifted the blame to others in an attempt to justify himself. The root issue here is... PRIDE. The Bible repeatedly tells us that God is against the proud but honors the humble. Read [James 4:8-10](#).

There is great blessing in confession of sin! Read [Luke 18:9-14](#).

It seems Moses did come around and admit his part in this... after all, *who wrote the books of Num. & Deut.?*

Clearly he understood God's point of view! And in the final recording of the scenario, Moses gave God's perspective again: [Deut. 32:48-52](#).

Whether we sin against God or man, confession is need.

Read [James 5:16](#) & [1 John 1:8-9](#)

- *When is a time you did not confess immediately?*
- *Is there a sinful tendency you have that is easy to ignore/justify?*
- *How do we get back on track when we've sinned?*