

/We will begin with the seventeenth lecture on Deuteronomy. / Today's Word is chapter 34. / The title of this chapter is "The Death of Moses." / First, Moses looks down at the land of Canaan from the top of Mount Pisgah. / Verses 1-4.

/Second, the death of Moses and the Israelites' mourning. / Verses 5-8. /Third, Joshua is commissioned as successor and the people obey. / Fourth, no prophet like Moses have risen since then. / Verses 10-12.

/Read verse 1. / Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan,

/Moses went up to Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab. / This is also mentioned in 32:49. / Verse 49. / Also in 3:27. / Mount Nebo and Mount Pisgah are the same mountain. / It is located in the northeast area of the Dead Sea. / Its height is 802 meters.

/Moses went up to that mountain and looked at the land of Canaan. / As he looked over the land, he thought about the beauty of the land.

/He saw Gilead to Dan. / "Gilead" is the land located east of the Jordan. / "Dan" is located at the far northern area of the Jordan.

/Verse 2. / all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea,

/Verse 3. / the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar.

/"Naphtali" is located west of the Sea of Galilee. / The west side of the Sea of Galilee. / The Mediterranean Sea. / "Jericho" is the area right across the Jordan River. / "Zoar" is near Sodom and Gomorrah. / It is south of the Dead Sea.

/Like this, Moses saw the entire land of Canaan. / Though he did not enter the land of Canaan, his soul went to heaven. / Through his faith in Jesus, he went to heaven.

/There is a spiritual meaning behind this. / Moses is the representative of the law. / The spiritual meaning is that “no one can enter into heaven through the law.” / Instead of Moses, Joshua led the Israelites into the land of Canaan.

/The name “Joshua” is the same as the name “Jesus.” / In the Old Testament and in Hebrew, the name is Joshua, while in the New Testament and in Greek, it is Jesus. / The meaning is the same for both. / It means, “savior.” / Like this, Joshua symbolizes Jesus.

/This teaches us that we enter into heaven through faith in Jesus. / Of course, Moses kept his faith and thus, he went to heaven.

/Verse 4. / Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”

/Like the verse says, Moses saw the land of Canaan, but did not cross over into it. / Hebrews 11:15-16/ He admired the better home. / He admired the eternal home. / He admired heaven.

/Verse 5. / And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said.

/Moses died in Mount Nebo.

/Verse 6. / He buried him^[a] in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.

/Moses died in Mount Nebo, but no one knows where his grave is. / He went up alone to the mountain to meet his end. / God sent the angel Michael to bury him. / Jude 1:9

/At that time, Satan came to preserve the body of Moses. / Satan tried to bury him and make his grave. / However, Michael fought and defeated Satan./ Then the angel disposed the body.

/Why did Satan try to preserve the body of Moses? / That is because he wanted to make the body of Moses into an idol.

/The angel Michael was worried that Moses' body might become an idol. / Satan tried to make the body an idol, / while the angel Michael disposed the body to prevent Satan from doing so.

/There was a possibility that the Israelites would consider Moses greater than God because he was such a great prophet. / Yet, no matter how great Moses was, he could never be greater than God.

/We must never idolize people, though we can respect them. / We can revere them, but we must not worship them. / We must only worship God. / This is the reason why the grave of Moses could not be found.

/We believers do not have to worry about what would happen to our corpses once we die. / Regardless of how we die, we have resurrection and eternal life. / Our corpses can be buried, cremated, or put in the waters.

/Regardless of how we are buried, we will resurrect again at the Second Coming of Christ. / Thus, we have no worry when we die. / What is important is that we keep our faith when we are alive, just as Moses did.

/Verse 7. / Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.

/Moses went to heaven when he was 120 years old. / Yet, his eyes were not weak and his strength was not gone. / He went up to Mount Nebo by his own strength, a mountain that stands at 802 meters in height. / He still had strength, but God took his soul.

/No matter how healthy and strong one may be, when the time has come, God will take him or her away. / Life and death, fortune and misfortune are in the hands of God.

/Verse 8. / The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

/The Israelites grieved for Moses for thirty days. / Mourning for a person when he or she dies is fine. / Burying the dead is fine also. / However, we must not be extremely sad about it. / We must trust the sovereignty of God and bear through it with faith.

/We must not hold a memorial service a year or two on the day of someone's death. / One can hold a service when one dies. / However, we should not hold a memorial service a year or three years after one's death.

/Verse 9. / Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit^[b] of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

/Moses laid his hands on Joshua as his successor. / He left the works of God to Joshua. / Joshua was then filled with the spirit of wisdom. / This is to be filled with the Holy Spirit. / God gives grace according to the work one is entrusted with.

/God not only entrusts one with his or her works, but also gives the ability to carry it out. / Matthew 10:1/ The disciples were given Jesus' power when they were called to evangelize. / We must trust that when God entrusts us with work, he also gives power to fulfill the works.

/When we serve in the church well, we begin to be more capable. / God gave us talents. / He gave us five, two, or one talents to each of us.

/God commissioned Joshua. / The Israelites then obeyed him. / Just as the Israelites obeyed Moses, they also obeyed Joshua. / Still, compared to Moses, Joshua lacked in some ways.

/Nonetheless, the people accepted and obeyed Joshua well, knowing that God is the one who commissioned him. / We must heed to the servants God has commissioned. / We must heed them with knowledge that God is using them. / God's work goes well once we begin to obey.

/Verse 10. / Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,

/Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses. / Moses is the best prophet in the Old Testament. / How was he different from other prophets?

/First, he knew God face to face. / God told other prophets what they were to do through God's voice or through dreams. / However, with Moses, the Lord told him face to face. /

Exodus 33:11

/Also, Moses prayed a lot. / He fasted for forty days, twice, in Mount Sinai. / In every difficulty, he solved it by praying.

/Thus, God's great power worked in him. / He led the Israelites in the wilderness for forty years. / He led them with the great power of God.

/Verse 11. / who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land.

/Second, God led the Israelites out of Egypt through Moses. / God delivered them from Egypt by defeating the king of Egypt through Moses. / God performed signs and miracles.

/God performed miracles through Moses. / That is, God let the Israelites cross the Red Sea. / He gave them water when Moses struck the rocks. / God performed such signs and miracles through Moses. / Thus, Moses was a great prophet.

/Verse 12. / For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

/God showed the Israelites his mighty power and awesome deeds through Moses. / God brought down ten plagues in Egypt through Moses. / God delivered the Israelites. / God let them cross the Red Sea.

/God showed himself in Mount Sinai with dense clouds and trumpet sounds. / God gave them the Ten Commandments and the laws through Moses. / Compared to other prophets, Moses was a great servant before God.

/Many miracles were performed through Moses. / There were bearing of many fruit through him. / We can know how great Moses was through the works he did. / We ought to be like Moses and have faith like he did.

/We ought to remember how Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. / We ought to remember how he led them in the wilderness for forty years with the grace of God. / We must take after

the example of Moses' faith.

/God spoke to the Israelites through the book of Deuteronomy, which was written by Moses.

/The message is that they were to keep God's commands even when they entered the land of Canaan. / If they did so, they would receive an abundance of blessings.

/We have been saved by believing in Jesus. / We who have been saved must obey God's commands and words. / In doing so we will receive blessings and rewards.

/I hope all of you will receive many blessings from God by obeying his words.

/With this, we will conclude the lecture on Deuteronomy. / Thank you very much.