

It is remarkable that Moses *did once* set foot in Canaan—probably on that very Hermon which formed the extreme boundary of his view from Nebo. It was long afterward, when, with Elias, he “appeared in glory” at the transfiguration of Jesus, and “talked with him” about that “decease” to be “accomplished at Jerusalem,” in virtue of which alone he had himself found a way of access to the heavenly Canaan.

The application of this lesson may be based on 2 Cor. iv. 18: “We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” The point to urge is—*every* earthly portion, not only what the world can give, but what God gives, is at its best only for a time. Let us value God’s earthly gifts; but our affections must be “set on things above.” (Col. iii. 2.)

The Golden Text suggests another thought. “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints,” and that not only in that he cares for their souls, but in that he cares for their bodies too. *The Lord buried Moses*; and was that all? No; of Moses and of all God’s servants it is written, “He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies,” (Rom. viii. 11;) Jesus “shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body.” (Phil. iii. 21.)

Seed-Thoughts for Senior Scholars.

1. *Why* did Moses go up to Nebo?
2. *Why* did God show him the land?
3. Why did he not suffer him to go in?
4. Does God show mercy or favor to those whom he punishes?
5. Why did the Lord bury him?
6. Why should the Lord remove Moses before he became *infirm*?
7. What argument lies here for the *immortality* of man?
8. What argument for the *superiority* of the next to this state of being?
9. Was their grief for Moses limited to *thirty days*?
10. When God removes one workman, does his work suffer thereby?
11. What is the meaning of *had laid his hand upon him*?
12. How did Moses *differ* from Joshua and other prophets?

13. Do wisdom and greatness come in answer to prayer?

14. Did the *greater* work of Moses show him to be the *more* holy man?

Blackboard Exercises.

It is the privilege of every servant of God to reach the mountain top of faith, and obtain a glimpse of the promised land. When one cries out, “*Nearer, my God, to thee,*” then the soul rises above earthly cares, and has heavenly vision. It is when all of life’s burdens are placed at the feet of Jesus that we enter into the valley of rest. The beautiful account of Moses “entering into rest,” shows how “precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints,” and we should be thankful that our God is a God of love, and a Rewarder of the faithful, and remember that our life must be past in his service if we would have our death precious in his sight.

Blackboard Song: L. M.

“How sweet the hour of closing day,
When all is peaceful and serene,
And when the sun with cloudless ray
Sheds mellow lustre on the scene!”

“Such is the Christian’s parting hour;
So peacefully he sinks to rest;
When faith, ended from heaven with power,
Sustains and cheers his languid breast.”

The Primary Class.

See if any of the class remember why Moses did not enter the Land of Promise. Remind them of the incident connected with the smiting of the rock in the lesson of three weeks ago. Though Moses was not allowed to go into the land, yet before he died God permitted him to see it. Represent this old man, a hundred and twenty years old, going up into a mountain at the command of God. Years before this he had gone up into Sinai to receive the law; he now goes to the top of Pisgah to see the Land of Promise. He came down from Sinai; but he never came down from Pisgah. Why not? He died there, and God buried him. Dwell on this thought for a moment: *God buried him*. What a funeral! Then speak of the mourning of the people for their lost leader. Did any of them think of the many times they had treated him unkindly? They had often complained of what he said and did; now they wept because he was gone. How much they missed him! Just here