

***Intro:***

Main Point of Text: Moses' strong leadership preserves the people from the consequences of Aaron's poor leadership.

Sermon Point: *You Need Strong Leaders*

***Move 1: You need "tough" men like Moses to lead you into the Promised Land.***

Moses' exemplary leadership. Like Jesus, identified with the people and appeals to God for mercy: vss. 30-32 (11-14); Deut. 9:18-20. But also enacted immediate force against public sin. Vss. 15-19: shattered Tablets to testify against their covenant breaking (Deut. 9:15). Vs. 20: made to drink gold in water (Deut. 9:21 from brook of Mt.), like Num. 5:11-31 (16-22). Vs. 21: publicly confronted his own brother, and all the people in vss. 30-31. 25-28: directed Levites to public discipline, even of own family. Vs. 29: "Consecrate" means "fill the hand". God said to: Vs. 27. Type of Jesus in Jn. 2:13-17, quoting Ps. 69:9). Rev. 2:5, 23; 3:16, 19. Mt. 10:34-37. Jn. 5:26-27 with Mt. 16:18-19; 2 Cor. 13:10.

***Move 2: Men like Aaron may be "nice", but they don't really lead you any which way but loose.***

Aaron's un-exemplary leadership: vss. 21-24 (with 2-6). He tries to avoid conflict, procrastinates, compromises. Plays the blame game, and lies! (vss. 24, 4). He doesn't do his assigned duty to proactively lead (Ex. 24:14). Nor restrain when reacting to their taking lead. WSC 56; 1 Sam. 3:13. Ex. 20:4-7. Ex. 32:21, 25: Aaron held responsible for sin of omission. 1 Tim. 3:4-5, 12: officers won't rule God's House well if can't rule own houses well proactively.

***Move 3: If God's people are left to lead themselves, they will spin in sin until they are struck down.***

Consequences of poor leadership is the motley crew direction of "we the people" that will always forget God and make its own gods. All of them sinned and hear about it. Not just those killed, but all who left all the dirty work up to the pastor, creating the soil that grows more sin: vss. 30-32 (1, 3, 4, 6, 8-9). The result is God's severe punishment, even after mediation: vss. 33-35. Reason first generation doesn't enter the Promised Land? Ex. 20:4-7. Ps. 99:8: ... *thou tookest vengeance of their inventions*. Num. 10; 16; 25:3, 9. Devil's greatest weapon is to use you against yourself: vs. 7. Take Gal 6:7-8 to church to heart. And Acts 7:41-42. Matthew 23:37-39. 1 Cor. 10:6-11. Jer. 23! 2 Tim. 4:3.

***Conclusion:***

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