

be born again. We cannot say. And similarly, the best of men, the most Christian of men still has sin within his heart. No one of us is completely sanctified in this life. We want to make progress in it. Some people are so afraid you will think they are perfect they are anxious to prove to you they are not perfect. Well it is not necessary. We are all ~~very~~ pretty far short of it. We want to move in that direction as fast as we can. In the direction of sanctification. But it is so easy for us to set a person up on a pedestal and think that he is perfect, that he is a saint, think that he is free of all evil and tend to follow not only his good points but also his errors. That God caused that we should have this evidence here that Moses and Aaron made a grievous sin for which they were grievously punished. And that we should recognize that fact. So this is a very important section, vs. 2-11. After all of the praise of them, and defense of them against the attack, here we are told of their sins. And it is a very important ~~section~~ thing that it is done.

Now vs. 2-13 - "There was no water for the congregation. . . . reading vs. 2-9)

VS.10 And Moses said, we had the same experience in Ex. 17, we came to a place where there was not water and the people were murmuring and making trouble and God told us to strike a certain ~~of~~ rock and the water came forth from the rock. People should remember this. They should know that God won't let them die of thirst. They should have had their faith established by this time. They should not be repeating over and over again the same mistakes." But people do that . We have to learn to be patient with them. One thing I had to learn when I began ~~to~~ teaching was to explain a thing and then explain it again, and then explain it a third time in different words. And then somebody raises his hand and says, Would you please explain this? And it is the same thing. And one has to learn to be very patient and very gracious and explain it over again a fourth time. If one cannot learn to have that patience, he had better never try to be a teacher. But it is still worse when you are not only a teacher but also a leader as Moses was, because any leader has to be a teacher, but he is not only seeking to get people to know and understand things, he is ~~directing~~ ^{activities} directing activity , and you find the same errors and attitudes repeatedly, and it is easy to understand particularly if this was near the beginning of the 40 yr. when Moses and Aaron were getting pretty old and pretty tired that they would