

# Deuteronomy

## Loving Obedience to a Loving God

### Sunday, August 21, 2016

#### Deuteronomy 34

##### Introduction

We come to a close in both the book of Deuteronomy and in the life of Moses.

**“When a great leader dies, the work of the Lord moves on.”**

##### I. Moses – A Great Leader

Moses was a great leader and a leader who Israel has not seen because the Lord spoke face to face with him.

*v.7,8 – “Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.”*

v.9 – When a leader dies, God replaces with another leader!

*“When a man of God dies, nothing of God dies.” Charles Swindoll*

##### II. Jesus – The Greatest Leader

Jesus comes to earth as the perfect leader. A leader not to overtake the world, but to establish a kingdom....the Kingdom of God!

Jesus death and resurrection propelled His message, and empowered His disciples to carry that message to the world. Matthew 28:18-20

But his disciples will be persecuted for the message they and we will proclaim!  
*Matthew 5:44 – “But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”*

*John 15:20 - Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.*

*Romans 12:14 – “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.”*

*1 Corinthians 4:12 – “and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure”*

*2 Timothy 3:12 – “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...”*

*Romans 8:35 – “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?”*

### **III. Conclusion**

We must prepare ourselves as Jesus’ disciples for persecution for the message we will proclaim. It is not a popular message, and the world will hate you!