

SHORTEST FUNERAL SERMON

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One of the difficult aspects of preaching is doing funeral services. God preached the funeral of His servant Moses in just **FIVE WORDS**. {Joshua 1:1,2}

"**MOSES.**" Moses was the man chosen by God to lead His people out of Egyptian bondage. Moses was a meek man, Numbers 12:3. John makes reference to him as a law giver, John 1:17. He was a faithful and great man of God, Hebrews 3:2-5; Deuteronomy 33:1. He was mentioned in the chapter of faith, Hebrews 11:23-28.

"**MY.**" He belonged to God. The Bible tells we should also be. "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." {1 Corinthians 6:20} Do you belong to the Lord?

"**SERVANT.**" He was God's servant, Exodus 14:31; Deuteronomy 34:5. He died a servant of God because he was one while he lived! Are you a servant of God? Romans 6:16- 18.

"**IS.**" Moses, as is the plight of all men, died. The Bible clearly tells us this is the way all mankind will come, Ecclesiastes 9:5; Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Hebrews 9:27.

"**DEAD.**" Death is the separation of the body from the spirit, James 2:24-26. Yet, death is not as sad when one dies as a child of God, Psalm 116:15; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Death doesn't have to be a sad ending if we will prepare for it by serving Him now.

Moses also had a distinction and honor afforded no other person in the sacred record - God buried him. Moses lived 120 years but his life ended before entering the Promised Land. Why? The consequence of his sin was he was not allowed to enter in, Numbers 20:8-12. Yet, Moses repented of his sin and received a greater reward than that of Canaan. The length of your service isn't what counts - but how we lived will! Just remember this important fact – each of us are preaching our own funeral service as we live here on earth. – what will yours say? ***