

Numbers 15:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Analysis

The congregation executed God's command 'as the LORD commanded Moses.' Their obedience demonstrated submission to divine authority even when the judgment was difficult. This wasn't mob violence but ordered justice, fulfilling covenant obligations. The man's death preserved Israel's holiness and served as perpetual warning against presuming on God's grace.

Historical Context

This execution occurred in the wilderness, witnessed by the entire camp. The public nature ensured maximum teaching effect: God's commands were serious, His holiness inviolable, and presumptuous sin deadly. This event stood as warning throughout Israel's subsequent history.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How do you balance God's mercy with His holiness and justice?

2. What warnings from Scripture do you tend to minimize or ignore?

Interlinear Text

בָּרָא	אֶת	וְיָצָא	כָּל	הָעֵדָה	אֶל	מִחוּץ	לַמַּחֲנֶה
brought	H853	H3605	And all the congregation	H413	him without	the camp	
H3318			H5712		H2351	H4264	
וַיִּגְמָוּ	אֶת	בְּאֲבָנֵי יָם	וַיָּמָת	כָּאִשׁוֹ	צִוָּה		
and stoned	H853	him with stones	and he died	H834	commanded		
H7275		H68	H4191		H6680		
יְהוָה	אֶת	מֹשֶׁה:					
as the LORD	H853	Moses					
H3068		H4872					

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