

On that very day the LORD said to Moses: Ascend this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo in the land of Moab facing Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites as a possession.

Then you shall die on the mountain you are about to ascend, and shall be gathered to your people, just as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and there was gathered to his people, because both of you broke faith with me among the Israelites at the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin: you did not manifest my holiness among the Israelites. You may indeed see the land from a distance, but you shall not enter that land which I am giving to the Israelites.

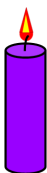
Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the peak of Pisgah which faces Jericho, and the LORD showed him all the land—Gilead, and as far as Dan.

The LORD then said to him, This is the land about which I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, "I will give it to your descendants." I have let you see it with your own eyes, but you shall not cross over.

So there, in the land of Moab, Moses, the servant of the LORD, died as the LORD had said;

and he was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; to this day no one knows the place of his burial.

Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated.

 ► REFLECTION: Put yourself in Moses's place. You're on the mountain. You know you won't be going back down the mountain. The Israelites are at the foot of the mountain. From the mountain top, the Promised Land is in sight. You can see the people God loves and whom God has entrusted to you. You can see the goal/home/destiny for which God chose them. And, having done your imperfect best, you can't do anything now but *look*.

Fill in the blank:

"_____ is like Moses on the mountain as he looks at the Promised Land and the people."

For example, try these:

[*prayer*]

[*working at a relationship*]

[*leadership*]