

Numbers 15:32-36 **Gathering sticks on Sabbath**

³² Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. ³³ And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. ³⁴ They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him.

³⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp." ³⁶ So, as the LORD commanded Moses, all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ At the first occurrence of an action, a legal precedent is established, and therefore Yehowah needed to set a standard that was strict, to provide a motivation for obedience to His laws, so the people would not take the commandments of God lightly.
- ✧ Death penalty for man caught gathering sticks on the Sabbath.
- ✧ The Lord said, "Death by stoning."
- ✧ It was done as commanded and became a warning of deterrence from future actions of disobedience.
- ✧ The things done before became an example to us to encourage us to be careful in our lives so we may be pleasing in the sight of God to Whom we must all give account. [[1 Corinthians 10:1-11](#), [2 Corinthians 5:9-11](#), [Hebrews 4:11](#), [2 Peter 2:4-11](#), [Jude 1:5-7](#), [Matthew 12:36-37](#), [Romans 4:10](#), [14:2](#), [Hebrews 4:13](#), [1 Peter 4:1-6](#)]