

FAITH'S VISION FOR VICTORY

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this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

Our theme for 2020:

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The Bible gives us the following information about faith:

Heb. 11:1 Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** ...

6 But **without faith *it is impossible to please him***: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Ex. 2:1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took *to wife* a daughter of Levi.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he *was a goodly child*, **she hid him three months.**

3 And **when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes**, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and **she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.**

Heb. 11:23 **By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents**, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

I. Faith's Sanctifying Virtue, 11:24-26

A. Over Social Position, 11:24

Heb. 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

B. Over Sinful Pleasure, 11:25

Heb. 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man *be* in Christ, *he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.***

C. Over Staggering Prosperity, 11:26

Heb. 11:26 **Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.**

❖ Moses showed his contempt for the world: its **prestige** (v. 24); its **pleasures** (v. 25); its **prosperity** (v. 27.)

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26 **Esteeming the** reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had **respect** unto the recompence of the reward.
27 By faith **he forsook Egypt**, not fearing the wrath of the king: for **he endured, as seeing him who is invisible**.

A 30-second Super Bowl commercial during Super Bowl LIV on February 2, 2020, could cost upwards of \$5.5 million based on recent year trends.

<https://www.2oceansvibe.com/2019/08/12/you-wont-believe-how-much-a-super-bowl-ad-will-cost-in-2020/#ixzz6CfkmdSva>

II. Faith's Solid Victory, 11:27

Heb. 11:27 **By faith he forsook Egypt**, not fearing the wrath of the king: for **he endured, as seeing him who is invisible**.

A. Over the Lure of the World, 11:27a “By faith he forsook Egypt...”

❖ In the Scriptures, Egypt is a type of the world.

1 Jn. 2:15 **Love not the world**, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For **all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

❖ Before engaging his greatest battle in life, Moses “**forsook** Egypt.”

Original Word: καταλείπω

Transliteration: kataleipó

Usage: I leave behind, desert, abandon, forsake; I leave remaining, reserve. (**forsook**)

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2641.htm>

1. To quit or leave entirely; to desert; to abandon; to depart from.

Friends and flatterers *forsake* us in adversity.

2. To abandon; to renounce; to reject.

<http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Forsake>

❖ Victory is dependent upon wise decisions – difficult decisions. Moses “forsook Egypt.”

B. Over the Lust of the Flesh, 11:27b “...not fearing the wrath of the king...”

Prov. 29:25 **The fear of man bringeth a snare:** but whoso putteth his **trust in the LORD** shall be safe.

- ❖ When Moses was 40 years old, he feared the king – but not now.
- ❖ One of life’s victories is gaining spiritual maturity as you age – growing in grace!

Job 28:28 And unto man he said, **Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.**

Eccl. 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**

C. Over the Lies of the Devil, 11:27c “...for **he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.**”

- ❖ The endurance was through the whole ordeal facing Pharaoh, the plagues against the gods of Egypt, and the following 40 more years in the wilderness.
- ❖ First, he faced a fear that caused to him flee at 40 years of age – Pharaoh.
- ❖ After the first encounter, Moses and Aaron had to face Pharaoh, and the false promises, several times – 10 plagues.
- ❖ Moses endured the challenge of Pharaoh and the Egyptian gods.

Original Word: καρτερέω

Transliteration: kartereó

Usage: I persevere, **endure**, am steadfast, patient.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2594.htm>

Ex. 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and **against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.**

❖ Moses looked beyond the obvious – “...seeing him who is invisible.”

Original Word: ὁράω

Transliteration: horaó

Usage: I **see**, look upon, experience, perceive, discern, beware.

horáō – properly, see, often with *metaphorical* meaning: "to see with the mind" (i.e. spiritually see), i.e. perceive (with inward spiritual perception).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3708.htm>

Original Word: ἄόρατος

Transliteration: aoratos

Definition: invisible

Usage: unseen, invisible.

aóratos (from A "not" and *horáō*, "see") – properly, not seen; *invisible* to the physical ("naked") eye; (figuratively) *spiritual reality* as perceived through God's inbirthings *of faith*.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/517.htm>

Col. 1:15 **Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:

16 **For by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, **visible and invisible**, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

1 Tim. 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, **invisible, the only wise God**, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

“Show him what he ain’t seen”

❖ Elisha prayed for his servant to see the unseen.

2 Kings 6:14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! **how shall we do?**

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, **LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

❖ The eye of faith, looking to Christ, will help us see “...him who is invisible.”

Where is your focus?

Heb. 12:2 **Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Conclusion

- ❖ A believer's *REFUSAL* and *CHOICE* indicates the genuineness of conversion.
- ❖ Moses' faith, fueled by love for Christ, was his "Vision for Victory" during his life.
- ❖ Moses' focus was upon Christ – not self, circumstances, things – on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ex. 20:20 And Moses said unto the people, **Fear not**: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, **that ye sin not**.

Deut. 1:21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: **go up and possess it**, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; **fear not, neither be discouraged**.

Deut. 31:6 **Be strong and of a good courage, fear not**, nor be afraid of them: for **the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ...**

8 And **the LORD, he *it is* that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.**

Mt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me** in heaven and in earth.

19 **Go ye therefore**, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, **lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**