

*Faith*—so amazing

FOR THE FAMILY

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

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

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.

Moses was one of the most important individuals in the Old Testament, as well as world history. When God wanted a man that would be crucial in an important transition in history, He chose Moses. God used Him in many powerful ways. Moses influenced Egyptian history, the nation of Israel, Judeo-Christian religions, as well as being a judicial influence throughout world history.

Moses' personal history began in Egypt with the foundational influence of Amram and Jochebed, parents who built their family upon a foundation of faith. Aaron and Miriam were also testimonies to their parents' faith as they also lived long lives of faithfulness in service to the Lord. Amram and Jochebed were good stewards of their parental responsibilities.

# I. THE FAITH OF MOSES' PARENTS: TRIUMPH OVER THIS WORLD'S DANGERS, 11:23

A. Faith's Practical Conclusions, 11:23a "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents..."

- ❖ Pharaoh had decreed that male babies be aborted, but Amram and Jochebed defied him, hiding the baby for three months.
- ❖ A birth is a normal occasion in life, but circumstance often complicate such "normalcy."
- ❖ The operation of faith should always be on standby!

## B. Faith's Powerful Conviction, 11:23b

“...because they saw *he was* a proper child...”

- ❖ Moses' parents had a high estimation of his value. He was God's gift to them.
- ❖ Once God gives a couple a baby, then what? It does not arrive with a manual, but it arrives with parental responsibility.
- ❖ Moses' parents were good stewards of parenthood, as seen in the testimonies of Miriam, Aaron, and Moses – all three children lived long lives in service to the Lord.

- ❖ Pharaoh's daughter "discovered a beautiful baby" and rescued him from the river to become her own son.

C. Faith's Personal Courage, 11:23c "...they were not afraid of the king's commandment."

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

- ❖ The example of Moses' parents would eventually be an influence in Moses' faithfulness, too.

## II. THE FAITH OF MOSES PERSONALLY: TRIUMPH OVER THIS WORLD'S DELIGHTS, 11:24-28

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

#### 1. Over Social Position, 11:24

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

- ❖ Regardless of the hedonistic environment of Moses' upbringing, he developed convictions that propelled him to fulfill God's will in his lifetime. The home is the key.

## 2. Over Sinful Pleasures, 11:25

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

❖ Moses' character, molded by his Hebrew parents and their influence, was reflected by his choices. He discerned the future consequences of his choices.

Deut. 32:29 O that they were wise, *that* they understood this, ***that they would consider their latter end!***



Prov. 19:20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction,  
**that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.**

Psa. 37:23 **The steps of a *good* man are ordered  
by the LORD:** and he delighteth in his way.

Psa. 119:133 **Order my steps in thy word:** and let  
not any iniquity have dominion over me.

### 3. Over Staggering Prosperity. 11:26

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

- ❖ To evaluate value between selfish temptations and temporal enjoyments requires spiritual insight and wisdom.

B. Faith's Solid Victory, 11:27

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

1 Jn. 2:16 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.

Jas. 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, **know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

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

2 Pet. 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

10 But chiefly **them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.**

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, **We ought to obey God rather than men.**

Psa. 27:1 The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; **whom shall I fear?** the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psa. 56:3 **What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.**

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

❖ Moses endured the forty years of wandering in the wilderness while maintaining his consistent testimony, as well as his “nuclear family.”

Ex. 18:3 And her two sons; of which the name of the one *was* Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:

4 And the name of the other *was* Eliezer; for the God of my father, *said he, was* mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:

1 Chron. 23:15 The sons of Moses *were*, Gershom, and Eliezer.

- ❖ Family situations are individual situations, and regardless of one's background, by God's grace every situation can be improved for the present and future generations.

## Summary

- ❖ Today is a day to emphasize the Scriptural principle of family and its influence upon society.
- ❖ The life of Moses, from his birth through his 120 years of life, was a wonderful testimony of God's grace and the power of influence of his parents and siblings.
- ❖ Despite the hardships of the 40 years in Egypt, the 40 years in exile on the backside of the desert, plus the last 40 years in the wilderness, Moses maintained a wonderful testimony of faith and influence over his own family.



- ❖ Regardless of the challenges of society today, the key area of influence for the present and future generation of society still resides in the home.
- ❖ How many of us have family and loved ones who have been affected with broken homes, divorces, damages from drugs, alcohol, abuse, and many other things?
- ❖ If your “homelife” is, or is not ideal, seek God’s guidance to influence it to be for God’s glory.

## Conclusion

Gal. 5:16 *This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. ...

19 Now **the works of the flesh** are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And **they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**

25 **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**