

Hebrews 11:23-29

Faith that Leads to Deliverance

- Moses' life is proof that true Biblical faith means trusting in God in spite of circumstances or consequences

vs.23- this verse speaks of the faith of Moses' parents (Amram and Jochebed)

- the events of this are recorded in Exodus 1-2

- the Hebrews were multiplying and were becoming a concern for pharaoh

(Even though the Hebrews were enslaved, a lot of males could pose a threat to Egypt later on)

- after 3 months, Moses' parents could no longer keep him from being noticed

(instead of listening to pharaoh's counsel, they decided to trust in their Creator)

- "proper child" - (asteios) beautiful or favored (as in Divinely favored)

Truth- heeding to pharaoh's decree would have been the death of Moses, if they had gotten caught, they all would have been killed (probably Miriam too)

- Moses was placed in a basket and put at the river's edge in the reeds near where pharaoh's daughter bathed (Ex.2:3-5)

Truth- Moses never floated down the river as some traditions teach

- when the princess found him, she knew he was a Hebrew- How?

- it was Miriam (his sister) that convinced the princess to get a Hebrew woman to nurse the child (it would be none other than his actual mother- Ex.2:7-8)

(vs.24-25)- "refused" - as an adopted son, Moses could have had an easy life in the palace

\*but as we see by Moses' faith, true faith causes one to hold to the right values and make the right decisions (right decisions honor God and drives one toward maturity)

- "choosing" - Moses knew who he was, where he belonged, and where he didn't belong

\*Egypt is typified as sin or the world in Scripture (a place where God's people don't need to be)

- it is a place that kept people enslaved and needed God to deliver them out

- "for a season" - sin offers temporal pleasures (often fun, feeds the pride, satisfies physical appetites- but its always short-lived and always evil)

Truth- obedience is not attractive and easy

(This is why one must have saving faith to empower us to live obediently to the Lord)

vs.26- "esteeming the reproach" - the writer parallels Moses' obedience to that of Jesus

(The word "reproach" means to suffer for the cause or the Will of God)

- "treasures in Egypt" - Moses gave up promotion, pleasure, and prestige for promises

- "respect" - (apoblepo) to turn the eyes away from other things and fix them on one thing

vs.27- "forsook Egypt" - this means he completely turned his back to it

- "not fearing" - his faith made him bold and courageous despite any consequences from Egypt

- "endured" - Moses faced the unknown because of Who he knew

- "invisible" - "the things not seen- vs.1

\*Vance Havner- "Moses chose the imperishable, saw the invisible, and accomplished the impossible"

vs.28- this is speaking of the 1<sup>st</sup> Passover of Exodus 12 (the blood speaks of God's provisions)

Truth- just as it was applied to the door posts to keep death away, the blood of Christ applied to us gives us everlasting life

\*Why did Moses keep the Passover? Nothing like this had ever been done before

(Ans.- God told him to and trusted what God said)

vs.29-Moses choice was the difference in having life or death

\*those that trusted God left Egypt (sin) and made it safely to the other side (Heaven)

- those that did not belong to God, worshiped false gods, and lived in the pleasures of Egypt, faced God's wrath and drowned (died)