

HEBREWS CHAPTER 11 – THE HEROES OF FAITH

MOSES

Hebrews 11:23-29

*“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s command. **By faith** Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. **By faith** he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. **By faith** he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. **By faith** they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.”*

No Old Testament character ranks higher in popular Jewish estimation than Moses. He was the Great Lawgiver, and the Law is central to Jewish life. Moses is highly honored in the New Testament as well. (Read Acts 7:20-47 for Stephen’s review of Moses’ life.)

The life of Moses covers a period of 120 years and is divided into three equal periods:

- *For the first 40 years he was in the Egyptian court as a prince;
- *For the next 40 years he was in the wilderness as a shepherd;
- *For the last 40 years he was the leader of God’s people, Israel.

These 3 periods are seen in Hebrews 11 and are introduced by the words “**by faith.**” Notice them:

- ***Heb.11:23, 24** introduce the 1st period;
- ***Heb.11:27** introduces the 2nd period;
- ***Heb.11:28, 29** introduce the 3rd period.

OUTLINE OF MOSES’ LIFE

MOSES’ EARLY LIFE ~ From the Nile to His Exile ~ Exodus 1:1 - 2:15

Heb.11:23 - “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s command.” Compare: II Timothy 1:5 – “I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.”

MOSES’ MID-LIFE ~ From his Banishment to the Bush ~ Exodus 2:16 - 4:20

MOSES’ LATER LIFE ~ From Egypt to Canaan ~ Exodus 5:1 - 40:38

MOSES’ END OF LIFE ~ From Earth to Paradise ~ Deut. 34:1-6

“Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have caused you to see *it* with your eyes,

but you shall not cross over there.” So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.” And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one know his grave to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died.”

Surprise! Guess Who Gets to Canaan Land?

“Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” (Matthew 17:1-4)

HOW TRUE FAITH RESPONDS WHEN PUT TO THE TEST - Hebrews 11:23-29

1. Faith fears not men’s anti-God edicts.

“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s command.” (v.23)

2. Faith rejects some things.

“By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter.” (v.24)

3. Faith accepts some things.

“...choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.” (v.25)

4. Faith selects some things.

“...esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt.” (v.26a)

5. Faith respects some things.

“...for he was looking to the reward.” (v.26b)

6. Faith forsakes some things.

“By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king.” (v.27a)

7. Faith endures some things.

“He endured as seeing Him who is invisible.” (v.27b)

8. Faith values some things.

“By faith he kept the Passover.” (v.28)

9. Faith walks on God’s path.

“By faith they passed through the Red Sea.” (29)

“WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD”