

## BY FAITH MOSES

Heb 11:23-27

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Hebrews 11 is called the great faith chapter.
- B. Defines faith, shows what it takes to have faith and gives us examples of great faith from the O. T.
- C. Today, we want to draw lessons from the faith of Moses and his parents.
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### DISCUSSION:

#### I. HAD PARENTAL CONCERN SHOWN ABOUT HIM, V. 23.

- A. Was hid three months by his parents Ex 1:7-2:15
  - 1. "Because they saw he was a goodly child"
  - 2. "They were not afraid of the king's commandment"
  - 3. The king had commanded all newborn Israelite males to be killed
- B. "Not afraid" - love overcame fear
- C. "Exceeding fair" Acts 7:20. Greek - "fair to God."
  - 1. May refer to his physical appearance
  - 2. Possibly refers to disposition or inward appearance
- D. Parents must be concerned about their children  
Eph 6:4; Heb 12:9; Prov 6:20; Heb 10:23

#### II. HAD PERSONAL CONVICTION, V. 24

- A. "Refused to be called the son of pharaoh's daughter"
  - 1. Resulted from teaching from his nurse (babysitter)
  - 2. His nurse was his own mother
- B. The royal house had been good to Moses but they worshipped the creature rather than the creator and did not believe in the one living God Rom 1:25
- C. Conviction involves "power over his own will" 1Cor 7:37
- D. Takes conviction to fight Eph 6:11-14

#### III. PREFERRED RIGHT COMPANIONS, V. 25a.

- A. "Choosing rather to suffer affliction (share ill treatment, ASV) with the people of God"
  - 1. Could have chosen the "elite" of Egypt
  - 2. But as a result of teaching he received he did not
  - 3. There is more evil in the least sin than there is in the greatest suffering for the Lord
- B. We should chose Christians as our closest friends and running mates
- C. Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals 1Cor 15:33
- D. Wrong companions can bring shame Prov 28:7
- E. Good companions are an asset to work Phil 2:25

#### IV. EXERCISED PREVAILING CAUTION, V. 25b

- A. Chose not to enjoy pleasures of sin for a season
  - 1. Sin is pleasurable
  - 2. But the enjoyment is always temporary
- B. He chose "suffering" over "sin"
  - 1. Suffering is also temporary
  - 2. However, the reward to be enjoyed is forever
- C. Some derive pleasure in ungodliness 2Pet 2:13
- D. Riotous living is a waste Lk 15:13

#### V. MADE PROPER CALCULATION, V. 26

- A. Accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches
  - 1. He stood to inherit all the treasures of Egypt:
  - 2. But he wanted the eternal reward
- B. Whatever reproach he suffered had its reward in heaven with riches and glory far greater than the treasures of the great land of Egypt
- C. Suffering can't compare to glory Rom 8:18; 2Cor 4:17
- D. Note what Paul consider "light affliction" 2Cor 11:23-27
- E. All who live godly must suffer persecution 2Tim 3:12

#### VI. HAD PERSISTENT CONCENTRATION, V. 27

- A. By faith he forsook Egypt
  - 1. Did not fear wrath of the king
  - 2. Endured, as seeing him who is invisible
- B. He not only calculated the greatest treasure - the true and living God, also never took his eye of the goal.
- C. His goal, the reward God promised always before him
- D. Sure he made mistakes, but he kept trying to live the right life before God and his fellow man
- E. Place prepared for us Jhn 14:1-6
- F. Must be steadfast, unmoveable 1Cor 15:58

### CONCLUSION:

- A. By faith Moses' Parents had Concern for him
- B. As a result, Moses had Personal Conviction, Preferred Companions, Prevailing Caution, Proper Calculation, and Persistent Concentration
- B. The purpose of the record of Moses' and others' faith is so we can have this same great faith Rom 15:4

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