

MOSES - PART II

Review memory verses: Hebrews 11:25, 26. Be ready to quote them to the person next to you in class.

1. Has the Lord ever impressed upon your heart to speak to someone with a request or a warning and you knew they wouldn't listen? What feelings did that stir up in your heart and mind?

In our last lesson we learned that living by faith required one to make choices throughout one's life. We also learned that Moses felt called of God to help his people but he tried to accomplish this task in his own way and in his own time.

Read Hebrews 11:27, 28 and Exodus 2:11-15

2. a. What was the result of Moses' attempt to help his people?

- b. Describe Moses' emotions according to verse 14.

Forty years later (Acts 7:30) God spoke to Moses from a miraculous burning bush. Moses, however, was not ready this time. He objected and resisted with complaints and excuses of not being adequate for the task. God told Moses, "I will send you to Pharaoh so that you may bring my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt"-- Exodus 3:10 (NAS). (This was not the same king from whom he fled earlier--Exodus 2:23.)

3. Theologians have not been able to agree on whether Hebrews 11:27 is speaking of Moses' first exit from Egypt in Exodus 2:15 or the second one here forecast in Exodus 3:10. Whichever the case, the verse in Hebrews describes Moses as fearless toward the king. Share how he demonstrated fearlessness in Exodus 11:8.

4. Moses was truly a different man. His faith had really grown. "The first forty years of his life Moses was learning that he was somebody. The second forty years he was learning that he was a nobody, and the third forty years he was learning what God could do with a nobody." Irving L. Jensen

Do you find this quote encouraging or discouraging? Explain.

5. a. Where do you suppose Moses could have seen fearless faith demonstrated?
(Remember Hebrews 11:23.)

b. In what way does that speak to you and your family?

c. How does "not fearing the wrath of the king" speak to you spiritually? The following verses may help:

Psalm 27:1-3

Matthew 10:28

I John 4:4

6. a. From Hebrews 11:27 how do "not fearing," and "endured" (NAS) or "persevered" (NIV) relate to faith?

b. Share how Hebrews 12:1-2 and I Peter 1:6-9 shed light on Hebrews 11:27.

c. To whom does the phrase, "Him who is unseen" refer? (Hebrews 11:27-NAS)

d. **What we think of Christ and how we see Him has a tremendous influence upon our lives.** Can you list some areas that are affected by our view of Christ? For example: stimulates hope to go on--regardless.

Read Hebrews 11:28 and Exodus 12

7. Pharaoh's heart of stone would not let the people go (Exodus 11:10) so the Lord used Moses and Aaron to put into motion the tenth plague of death. It was to be called _____ (Exodus 12:11).

8. Briefly describe God's instructions to the Israelites through Moses and Aaron. Exodus 12:1-28.

9. What happened at midnight (verse 29)? (Notice the word "all".)

10. Give the response of both Pharaoh and his people to this plague (verses 30-33).

11. Exodus 12:37-51 relates the wonderful freedom the Israelites now enjoyed after exactly 430 years in Egypt.
 - a. What do you think was going through their minds at this time?

 - b. What did the Lord ask of them (verse 42)?

Now let's examine the last plague and see how it is a type or picture of Christ, our Passover. I Corinthians 5:7 (NAS)

12. Share as many points as you can in this ordinance of the Passover that is symbolic of Christ as our Passover Lamb.

13. How long was the Passover to be celebrated (Exodus 12:14, 17 and 24)?

14. Who was faithful to keep the Passover many years later (Matthew 26:19)?

Even today many Jews will celebrate what they call "Pesah" which signifies the feast of the Passover because on that night God passed over them and sent plagues on the Egyptians. Exodus 12:42.

15.
 - a. When the Lord came at midnight did He stop to inquire whether the people were good or bad in the house? Why or why not?

 - b. What was He looking for that would save them from death (Exodus 12:13 and Hebrews 11:28)?

 - c. What is God looking for today as He looks at you, me and all mankind (Jew or Gentile)? See Romans 5:6-9; I Peter 1:18, 19; and I John 1:7.

16. Knowing that nothing like the Passover had ever occurred before, how did Moses' actions demonstrate faith?
17. a. What Christian observance corresponds to the Passover feast (I Corinthians 11:23-26)?
- b. Share what the bread and wine of the Lord's Table (Communion) mean to you:
-bread

-wine
- c. For how long is this remembrance to be observed?
- d. Why do you think it's necessary to think of Christ's return?
18. Romans 15:4 (NAS) "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." In light of this verse, what have you learned from this "earlier times" account of Moses' life that has encouraged you and given you hope?

