

**I. Introduction and review: A few crucial decisions determine the course of your life.**

**II. Moses was protected by his parents who chose faith over fear. v. 23**

- A. Pharaoh had issued an edict to kill every male Hebrew baby. Ex. 1:16,22**
- 1. Pharaoh is being used by the devil to thwart God's plan to redeem His people.**
  - 2. Centuries later Herod slaughters the infants in Bethlehem in an attempt to kill God's anointed Redeemer. Mt. 2:16-18**
  - 3. Wicked men cannot frustrate God's plan. Psalm 2**
  - 4. Sadly, the barbarity of slaughtering infants is not unknown in our day. Ex. 1:10**
- B. Why did Moses' parents hide him? Ex. 2:2 Acts 7:20**
- C. In what sense did Moses' parents not fear the king?**
- 1. Not all fear is sinful. 4:1 Prov. 1:7**
  - 2. Faith sets us free from sinful fear. 2:15 I Jo. 4:18**
  - 3. By faith they chose to courageously defy the king's wicked decree.**
  - 4. Later, their son shows the same courageous faith. v. 27**
  - 5. This is the faith needed by the original readers.**
  - 6. We, too, must learn to fear God and not men. 13:6 Pr. 29:25 Lu. 12:4-5 Acts 5:29**
- D. God rewarded their faith. Ex. 2:5-10**

**III. By faith Moses chose hardship with the people of God over the riches of Egypt. v. 24-26**

- A. Moses enjoyed every worldly opportunity. v. 24,25b,26b Ex. 2:4-10 Acts 7:21-22**
- B. Instead Moses chose to identify himself with the lowly people of God. v. 25a,26a**
- 1. As an adult he reached a critical point of decision. Ex. 2:11-14 Acts 7:23-29**
  - 2. He exchanged the highest social position for the lowliest.**
  - 3. He subjected himself to ill treatment and reproach.**
  - 4. The Hebrews with whom Moses chose to identify were not worthy of his sacrifice. Ex. 2:14 Acts 7:25-28**
- C. Moses made the wise decision by faith. v. 25-26**
- 1. He believed that the pleasures of sin are temporary. v. 25b**
  - 2. He believed God would deliver Israel and punish the Egyptian oppressors. Ge. 15:13-14 Ps. 73:16ff**
  - 3. He believed that suffering ill treatment and reproach was a small price to pay for what he would gain from God. 11:7 Rom. 8:18 II Cor. 4:18 Mt. 5:11-12**
  - 4. He believed the treasures of Egypt are worthless compared to the reward promised by God. 11:1,6**
  - 5. What reward did Moses receive? 11:13-16**
- D. Moses' faith speaks powerfully to the original readers of this epistle.**
- 1. Turn your back on the world and identify with the people of God. 10:34,23-25**
  - 2. Your commitment will cost you in this life. 13:3 10:33-34 11:25a,26a**
  - 3. Those who bear the reproach of Christ will reap a great reward. 13:13**

#### IV. Moses points to Christ.

- A. In what sense did Moses experience *the reproach of Christ*? v. 26a 13:13 Acts 9:4  
Isa. 53 Ps. 69:9 89:50-51
- B. Moses looked ahead to Christ. 13:8 John 5:46 Gen. 3:15
- C. How is Moses like Christ? Acts 7:37 Deut. 18:18,15
1. An evil king tried to kill him shortly after birth. Mt. 2:16-18
  2. He willingly chose to give up a place of security, power, and status so that he could identify with the people of God. 2:14-15,17 II Co. 8:9 Phil. 2:5-8
  3. He is appointed by God to be the Deliverer of His people.
  4. He is a faithful steward over God's household. 3:1ff
  5. His own people reject Him. Ex. 2:13-14 Acts 7:25-28 John 1:11
  6. He suffers for the sake of His people.
  7. He gains the reward. 12:2 Isa. 53:11-12
- D. You cannot embrace Moses if you reject Christ. John 5:46-47

#### V. The faith of Moses speaks to us today.

- A. Each of you faces the same basic decision: Will you choose God or the world?  
Mt. 6:24,19-21 Ro. 12:1-2 I Jo. 2:15,17 Js. 4:4
1. There is no denying that sin is pleasurable in the short term. v. 25b 3:13 Pr. 7:1ff
  2. Faithfulness to God in this life is hard. II Tim. 3:12
  3. This is not to say that all earthly pleasure is forbidden. 13:4 I Ti. 6:17 4:4-6
  4. The issue is: what do you love and seek above all else? 11:6 I Ti. 6:10-11 Mt. 6:33
  5. Sometimes you, like Moses, may even suffer at the hands of the people of God.
  6. Many who professed Christ fall away and choose the world. Mark 4:17,19 Ps. 73
  7. Some have given up much to follow Christ. I Co. 1:26ff
  8. Look upon the church as Moses looked upon Israel.
- B. The choice is not made only once, but takes place throughout the phases of our lives.
- C. The key to choosing well is to see the world as it really is and heaven as it really is.  
Pr. 2:1ff Phil. 3:7
1. The pleasures of sin are brief and passing. Pr. 7:22f Js. 5:1-3 Ps. 73 Job 21:13
  2. The sufferings of this life are brief and light compared to eternity. II Co. 4:18
  3. The reward of heavenly riches far surpasses any earthly treasure. 11:1,6  
Rev. 5:12 Col. 2:3 Phil. 4:19 Ps. 37:16

#### VI. Concluding applications.

##### Discussion questions

1. Why did Moses' parents hide him?
2. In what sense did his parents not fear the king (and in what sense did they fear)?
3. What did Moses give up to identify himself with God's people?
4. Why was Moses' choice the wise one?
5. In what sense did Moses experience the reproach of Christ?
6. How is Moses like Christ?
7. In what way does each of us face the decision Moses faced?
8. What will following Christ cost you?
9. What will you gain by following Christ?
10. Is the choice to seek Christ first made only once?