

Moses: Endurance

Heb 11:24-27; Ex 3-4

1. Intro

1. Was Moses always forward thinking (seeing the vision)
 1. The writer of Hebrews seem to indicate, yet we see Moses struggle.
2. Faith overcomes powerful opposition by seeing the unseen God (11:27)

2. Choices

1. Refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. (24)
 1. Privilege, power, fame.
 2. He chose God over the one who raised him.
 3. Even though raised in the household, he knew that this was not who he was.
2. He chose to share the oppression with the people of God rather than the pleasures of sin. (25)
 1. Physical delights; what our senses can give us.
 2. From a fleshly standpoint there is pleasure in sin. (Eph 2:1-3)
3. He thought it better to suffer for Christ than have the treasures of Egypt (26).
 1. Money, Wealth.
 2. A connection to the covenant given to Abraham.
4. He feared God more than man (27)
 1. One cannot buy off, influence or compromise a person who fears God and not men.

3. The Struggle

1. Moses' faith put him into opposition with powerful forces.
 1. Some affinity with His people (why kill an Egyptian? Ex 2:12)
 1. By doing so he was aligning himself with what God had planned for His people. (26)
 2. When he left Egypt he didn't step into something better.
 3. Did he think he would ever come back to Egypt?
2. Moses struggles with faith
 1. Encounters God at the burning bush. (Ex 3:1-6)
 1. Argues
 1. How will the people believe me? (3:13-15)
 2. I am not good at speech. (4:10)
 2. Long in the desert, comfortable where he is at.
 3. Needs to be taught obedience (4:24-26)
 1. Needed to be reminded of the covenant of Abraham.
 2. Why do you think I saved you as a baby?
 4. Experience helped Moses establish his faith in God (plagues).

4. Application

1. There is a learning process to faith.
 1. By faith one refuses, chooses, considers.
2. We are programmed to do our own thing. (Gal 6:8; I John 2:16)
3. It takes an encounter with God and time to have our faith built up.

4. Experience plays a part in faith.
 1. Once we see God in action we depend upon the object of our faith.
 2. Faith conquers; privilege and fame, it conquers the desire for pleasures and wealth.
(Col 3:1-4)
5. Faith looks to the reward that is coming.
 1. We should be more concerned by the wrath of God than of people. (Matt 10:28)

5. Conclusion

1. The writer of Hebrews wants us to see Moses in the big picture.
 1. That it was ultimately his faith in God and the future that was important.
2. Moses struggled at times.
 1. We do likewise
3. Moses saw the reward far off.
 1. We should see the same.