



Lesson 57

Lesson 57: What Is Faith? (Part 13) Faith of Moses' Parents

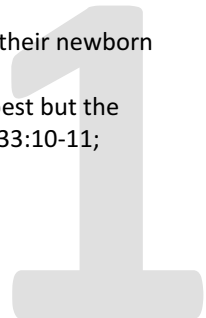
Scripture: Hebrews 11:23; Exodus 2:2-10; Acts 7:17-22

God Given Faith

- Faith is a **gift** from God! (Ephesians 2:8-19)
 - We are **not** born with faith.
 - We **cannot** work up **enough** faith.
- God given faith:
 - regulates the affections
 - it works patience
 - it chases away gloom and doubt
 - it brings peace and joy
 - it subdues carnal fears
 - it produces courage
 - sustains in the midst of trials
 - equips to perform difficult duties

Pharaoh Faithless Foolishness (Hebrews 11:23)

- This verse opens a new section in chapter 11 – that of Moses' faith.
- This verse specifically highlights Moses' parents **courageous** faith.
- Pharaoh's policy against the Hebrew people:
 - In his **fear** he commanded that the Hebrews be **afflicted** with hard labour. (See Exodus 1:9-11). **BUT** the more they afflicted the Hebrews the more they multiplied (Exodus 1:12).
 - In his **fear** he commanded the **midwives** kill all male babies (Exodus 1:15-16). **BUT** the midwives **feared God** and disobeyed Pharaoh. (Exodus 1:17-21)
 - In his **fear** he commanded the Hebrews to throw their newborn sons into the river! (Exodus 1:22)
- Pharaoh, the most powerful man alive, could try his best but the counsel of the Lord will **stand**. (Prov. 19:21; Psalm 33:10-11; Ecclesiastes 3:14; Proverbs 16:9; 21:30)



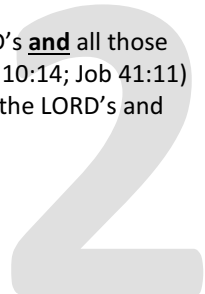
- God had already revealed to Jacob what He would do – specifically – “make you a **great** nation” (Genesis 46:3)
 - Even earlier, God promised Abraham the same thing! (Gen 12:1-3)
 - Consider God’s specific words in Genesis 15:13-17. These words were drawing to their end!!
 - Consider Job 23:13; Isaiah 14:24, 26-47; 46:10; Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11.

Fearless Faith of Moses’ Parents (v. 23)

- Moses’ parents: Amram and Jochebed (Exodus 6:20; Numbers 26:59)
- **BY FAITH**, Moses’ parents **heard** a Word from God and **acted** in obedience. MEDITATE ON THIS A LOT!!!!!!!
- **BY FAITH**, Moses’ parents refused to be intimidated by this ruler!!
 - The fear of man brings snare, **BUT** whoever **trusts** in the LORD shall be safe! (Proverbs 29:25)
 - Biblical faith brings PERFECT PEACE! (See Isaiah 26:3-4)
 - “We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29)
 - Biblical faith makes one strong and courageous against the terrors of men.
 - See Psalm 27:1; 56:3; 118:6; Romans 8:31; Hebrews 13:6.

Living Faith of Moses’ Parents

- Hiding Moses was a **DAILY** chore that required a **DAILY** trusting in God.
- In preserving Moses we have a “**a picture**” of God preserving His **elect**. (See Jude 1)
 - Certainly God had **elected** or **chosen** Moses to be the one to lead His people out of Egypt **before** the foundation of the world. (Consider Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:16; Ephesians 2:10)
 - Since Moses was one of God’s “elect” then God would preserve Him!
 - Christians are **chosen** and **preserved** by God. (John 10:28-30)
- **BY FAITH** – the parents saw that the child was **beautiful to God**. Acts 7:20!
 - Moses’ parents knew that the Earth was the LORD’s **and** all those who dwell therein! (Psalm 24:1; Deuteronomy 10:14; Job 41:11)
 - Moses’ parents understood that Moses’ was **first** the LORD’s and then theirs!



- **BY FAITH** – the parents put their child on the *brink* of the river and let him there to the *providence* of God.

Providence of God: God's constant care for and His absolute rule over all His creation, directing all things to their appointed end for His own glory and for the good of His people.

What Do Moses' Parents Teach Us for Today?

- The Word of God is for our learning!
- REAL faith comes only from God as a gift of grace.
- GOD is GOD and He does whatever He wishes. (Psalm 115:3; 135:6)
- GOD has a plan for HIS earth and all that is in it **and** that plan will be fulfilled. Man or Satan cannot hinder God in accomplishing His plan.
- The fear of people will lead to a snare, **but** trusting God will set one on higher ground! (Proverbs 29:25)
- We are called to **live by faith** DAILY.
- We are NOT our own! We, like Moses, belong to God. We live for God and not ourselves. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 4:1-2)



