



## Lesson 59

### Lesson 59: What Is Faith? (Part 15) Faith of Moses (Part 2)

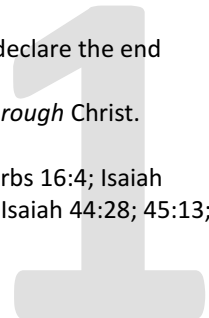
Scripture: Hebrews 11:28

#### Why So Much About Faith?

- God promises that many will fall away from the faith. (2 Thess. 2:3)
- The Spirit promises some will depart the faith. (1 Timothy 4:1)
- Churches will be filled with “professors” and not “possessors” of faith. 2 Tim 3:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:3-4)
- Christ asks, “When the Son of Man comes (returns) will He really find faith. (Luke 18:8)

#### Remembering What We Learned

- STUDY the text HERE and in the Old Testament.
- Things that we MUST remember in order to understand what God is teaching us about what we need to learn from Moses’ faith in order to understand biblical faith.
  - ① The most important verse in the Bible is Genesis 1:1.
    - ★ The first thing God taught us about Himself is that He is eternal and inhabits eternity. (See Isaiah 57:15)
      - God knew all that He ever would do before He commanded, “Let there be light”. (Acts 15:18)
      - At creation, God, through His Son, created ALL **time** (history). (Hebrews 1:2)
      - Since God planned *everything* He can declare the end from the beginning. (Isaiah 46:10)
  - ② God is working out **His** plan/counsel/purpose *through* Christ. (Ephesians 3:10-11)
    - God created **everything** for Himself. (Proverbs 16:4; Isaiah 43:7, 21; Romans 11:36; Revelation 4:11; Isaiah 44:28; 45:13; Isaiah 37:26-27)



- Sin was a part of God's eternal plan. (1 Peter 1:18-20; Acts 2:23; 4:28)
- God does whatever He pleases. (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Daniel 4:35; Isaiah 46:10)
- God works ALL things according to this plan/purpose/will/counsel. (Ephesians 1:11; Acts 2:23; 4:28; 13:48; Isaiah 46:11; Psalm 33:11; Proverbs 19:21; 21:30)
- God **commands** all things - **nothing happens** without God commanding it. (Lamentation 3:38-39)
- His counsel/plan/purpose does not change. (Hebrews 6:17-18; Job 23:13-14; Psalm 33:11; Isaiah 14:24-27; Malachi 3:6; Romans 11:29)
- God's counsel/plan/purpose includes even the smallest of events in history (Matthew 10:29-30)
- ★ God's plan from eternity included the life of Moses and God's purpose for Moses!

③ God promised to send a Messiah to save His special people from their sins. (Genesis 3:15)

- ★ It would be about 4000 years before God would fulfill His promise. But when the time was right according to His plan (Galatians 4:4) God send His Son.
- ★ God show Himself One who work through individuals, nations, and empires to accomplish His eternal purpose/promise.
- ★ God has demonstrated over and over that He is not in a hurry!
- God promised Abraham that the Messiah would come from his line. (Genesis 12:1-5; 15:1-21; 22:16-17)
- In accordance with God's plan, by His providence, Jacob took his family the Egypt and became slaves just as God said! (Remember Isaiah 14:24-27)
- From the end of Genesis to Exodus 1 it was more than 400 years!!!! Four hundred years with NO WORD FROM GOD!!

**God is never in a hurry!**

- ★ (Acts 7:17-20) "But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt . . . (then slavery) . . . At this time Moses was born ."
- ★ (Acts 7:23) "Now when he was **forty years old . . .**" (Hebrews 11:24-26)
- ★ (Acts 7:30-34) After **another** forty years God appeared to Moses and commission Him to lead His chosen people out of Egypt to fulfill His promise to Abraham and according to His eternal purpose.

**Moses' Faith in His Choices** (Hebrews 11:24-26)

**Counting the Cost** (Hebrews 11:26; Luke 14:28-33)

**Far Seeing Faith** (Hebrews 11:27)

**The "Secret" of Moses' Faith** (Hebrews 11:27)

- The SECRET was "seeing Him who is **invisible**." (Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17)
  - God was *always* before him! (See **Isaiah 26:3-4**; **Psalm 16:8**)
- Abraham saw Christ's day! (John 8:56)
- Job saw God with his eyes of faith. (Job 42:5)

**A Fearless, Forsaking All, and Enduring Faith** (v. 27)

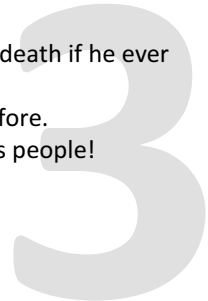
**Moses' Fearless Faith**

**Moses' "Forsaking ALL" Faith** (Luke 14:33)

**Moses' Enduring Faith**

**The Passover and Moses' Faith** (Hebrews 11:28)

- This is the **night** that God would set His people free from the "house of bondage" - Egypt - just as He said He would!
- God would do it His way.
- This **night** it is the greatest night of all of history for the Hebrew people.
- **NOW**, God commands Moses to **carefully with great detail** instruct his people in observing the Passover! Details that must be strictly obeyed in order to avoid the consequences of DEATH by GOD.
- Five things were working **against** Moses:
  - ① He had threatened the most powerful man alive with death of his firstborn - the final plague of God.
  - ② The most powerful man threatened Moses with death if he ever confronted Pharaoh again.
  - ③ The Hebrews were in more trouble than ever before.
  - ④ Moses had not made good on his promises to his people!



- ⑤ What God was requiring *seemed*, to human wisdom and reasoning, not adequate for the purpose of leaving Egypt. Many may have thought . . .
- Why would this next plague do anything that the first nine could not do?
  - Why should the simple task of sprinkling the blood of a lamb accomplish anything?
  - If they were leaving the same night, why would God burden the people with **details** of a ceremonial observance when there were more **important** things to prepare for the departure?
- With seemingly everything against him, Moses **initiated** and **observed** the PASSOVER as he was instructed by the Word of God.
  - ★ **BIBLICAL FAITH TAKES GOD AT HIS WORD DESPITE HUMAN UNDERSTANDING AND REASONING.**
  - ★ **BIBLICAL FAITH TRUSTS GOD AT HIS WORD - NOT MAN'S UNDERSTANDING OF HIS WORD.**
  - ★ **BIBLICAL FAITH OBEYS GOD'S WORD TO THE DETAIL.**
  - **WE SEE HERE THAT BIBLICAL FAITH IS INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDS!**
  - **DESPITE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OBEDIENCE WAS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE GOD'S PROMISES!**
    - Trusting in their ancestry in the family of Abraham would not save them.
    - Appealing to their past good works would not suffice.
    - Fasting and prayer would do no good!
  - God specifically said, "When I see the **blood**, I will pass over." (Exodus 12:13)
  - **IN ORDER TO ESCAPE DEATH THEY HAD TO PUT BLOOD OF AN INNOCENT SUBSTITUTE BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE HOLY GOD!**

### What Is YOUR Response?

- Job 42:6; Luke 17:5-6; Mark 9:23-24

### Do You Have the Faith of Moses?

