

Faith in Action

Part 7

“24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.” (Hebrews 11:24-27)

During Moses birth's time he was exposed to the threat of being thrown into the Nile and we come to know that the faith of his parents interacted with God and finally Moses life rescued miraculously and he was placed with his mother under the supervision of Pharaoh's daughter.

Therefore Moses grown up in luxury and in the midst of riches of Egypt and he was given the title of Pharaoh's daughter son. To many people when they will have the opportunity to live in such atmosphere they will consider that a blessing from the Lord. To some extent that might be true but as you know such atmosphere will deviate you and misdirect you from pursuing the plan that God had prepared for you.

God did not save Moses' life so that he will live in luxury in Pharaoh's palace. God saved Moses life for a purpose that Moses' faith would finally worked out with God to achieve that purpose.

When Moses grown up, being a son of Pharaoh's daughter he had the following privileges:

1- Treasures and riches. 2- Pleasures. 3- Honour. 4- Authority:

To many believers they think that these are the blessings of God. But if would Moses continue in that position he would be left without any fruit. Devil would give you many things in order for you to be deviated and be taken away from what you are called to do for God.

Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter: He wanted to be called the son of Abraham, ***“7 Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham.” (Galatians 3:7)*** He had the faith of Abraham and he wanted to follow God and walk in His ways. Therefore the riches of Pharaoh's daughter were not God's provision for him but a snare to take him away from what God had prepared for him.

Moses was under God's will and discipline, he would not consider Pharaoh's riches a source of living but a trap of Satan who even tempted Jesus when he said to Him, ***“8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me.” (Matthew 4:8-9)*** Jesus was aware of Devil temptation and answered, ***“ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” (Matthew 4:10)*** Moses also was aware that Devil was pulling him from what God wanted him to do for Him. Therefore his genuine faith motivated him to do the following:

1- He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God: He was willing to suffer and to live hard life even in wilderness rather than accepting Devil's offer and provision.

2- He refused to enjoy the pleasures of sin: Sinsual sinful pleasure (women, drinks, food, gifts, money, etc.) might give you some sort of pleasure but all are bates that devil is using to trap you and makes you fall in sin. If you are now living in the pleasure of sin, the pleasure of sin it should either ended with speedy repentance or you will end up in speedy ruin. Moses overcame, the same for you, you need to quit sin and come out from atmospheres, from contacts and relationships that will bring you into sin. ***The pleasures of sin for a short time*** after that you will fall into troubles, and will bear the consequences of the wrong things that you have done. And one more question: where you want to spend your eternity, with God in heaven or with Devil in the fiery lake of burning Sulphur? Rather repent and quit sin and the dangerous path that you are pursuing.

3- He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt: Jesus Christ is the King of king and the Lord of lords but he came down from heaven and became poor so that you will become rich, ***“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” (2Corinthians 8:9)*** Moses accepted the disgrace for the sake of Christ and His mission. You too need to do the same. In order for you to follow Christ and serve Him you need to leave behind certain things and consider disgrace and suffering along with us, His people, in order for you to be able to serve Christ.

4- He was looking ahead to his reward: Do you want to enjoy your life and live in the way you want and forfeit your reward in heaven, or you want to live the way Christ and His people lived and have your reward in heaven? Moses refused the treasures of Pharaoh's daughter because he was waiting to be rewarded by the Lord. He despised the world, sin and pleasure. Moses honoured Christ and denied himself to be sure to receive his reward from Christ. Jesus said, ***“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.” (Revelation 22:10)*** Every time you are willing to suffer, then you are living in expectation to receive His reward whether here on earth or in heaven.

5- He left Egypt: The time for you now to take stand and be willing to leave the pleasure of this world and be willing to live under God's provision, mercy and will. Moses killed the Egyptian because he was willing to suffer and not because he was angry.

6- He did not fear the king's anger: When you stand firm and you are willing to obey God and follow His steps and do His will, the Lord will make you strong and bold to face people and not to fear men but to fear God and walk in His ways. Moses accepted persecution because he decided to follow Christ.

7- He persevered because he saw him who is invisible: Moses left Egypt when he was 40 years old and persevered as he lived in the wilderness, and the Lord sustained him with a work, family and children, and finally revealed to him His good plan to deliver His people out from Egypt. Moses would not used by God unless he determined to suffer with God's people for Christ sake.

My Dear and Beloved: Do you want to serve God? Are you willing to live your life for Him? Are you willing to leave the pleasure of sin? Are you willing to leave the devil offers? Are you willing to leave treasure and pleasures? Are you willing to leave food tables, restaurants friends, vacations, parties and friends? Are you willing to leave your comfort zone (sleep, study, profession, job, house, habits, sleeping, eating, etc)? Are you willing to leave your ambition and your own plan? Are you willing to suffer for Christ and persevere in the wilderness until you are prepared and equipped under God's hand to be used to deliver His people from sin and from the bondage of sin? Kneel down and pray as you made your choice decision.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I commit my life into your hand. Lord I submit fully to your will and your purpose to me. Lord I am willing to leave _____ and whatever you would show me in the future. Lord sustain me and provide for me to do that, and give me patient to wait upon you until you equip me to serve you, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*