

Hebrews 11:23-28

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. 24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

Also read:

Acts 7:20-44

James 4:1-10

Exodus 12

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Introduction

Here we see Moses and his parents being commended for their faith.

Moses' parents' faith was one of obedience to God rather than to the decree of man, even under great duress. Their faith in action acknowledged that God is greater than even life and death and that His will is sovereign over any design of man.

The faith of Moses was one of renouncing his inheritance to the throne of world superpower Egypt, and embracing the reproach of Christ, because he knew that God was greater than the world.

Moses also instituted the Passover, and by keeping it faithfully, bore faithful witness to the coming of Christ, the Messiah.

James also exhorts us to remember that friendship with the world is enmity with God, so we must always ask ourselves truthfully if we are distracted by the benefits of the world.

Let us look earnestly to our eternal home beyond this life and this world, where we shall be perfectly restored to our loving creator, God and father.

Discussion

>>What are some examples of people who thought they might influence the world for God by being a Christian in a position of worldly power?

>>What are some examples of how we have personally disobeyed God, but wrote it off as "the lesser of two evils"?

>>Which is more important: the preservation of life, or the quality of our relationship with God?

Explanation

>>What did Moses give up when he refused to be known as a son of pharaoh?

>>What did Moses receive by being counted as a son of Abraham?

>>How does the Passover symbolise the work of Christ?

Application

>>How have we, though called to be Moses, chosen to become pharaoh instead?

>>Search your heart. Are you disguising your desire for worldly success as a service to God and Christianity, or are you walking the path of reproach that God has called us to?

>>Recount the elements of the Passover, and how they symbolised Jesus' work on the cross. Let us remember his death and our identity as foreigners on this earth.