

Choices you Ought to Make before you can Serve God From the Life of Moses

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During Moses birth's time he was exposed to the threat of being thrown into the Nile River and we came 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 the 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 you know also that 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. *Honor.*
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; I am not out of my minds, I know what I am saying, for many are deceived with one or more of the following: Treasures, riches, pleasures, honor, or authority and continue to be useless as long as they are in such bondages. Moses had all such but he refused them because he needed to go back to God and serve Him. **Listen, the 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.**

“24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;” (Hebrews 11:24 KJV) Moses instead wanted to be called the son of Abraham, ***“7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.” (Galatians 3:7 KJV)*** Moses 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; ***“8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an***

exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.” (Matthew 4:8-9) The devil said to Jesus, ***“All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me”***, but Jesus was aware of the devil's temptation and so rebuked him and sent him away, ***“10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.” (Matthew 4:10 KJV)***

Moses also was aware that the devil was pulling him from what God wanted him to do for him. Therefore his genuine faith motivated him to do the following: ***“25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.” (Hebrews 11:25-27 KJV)***

1. Moses 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 the devil's offer and provision.

2. He refused to enjoy the pleasures of sin: * Sensual sinful pleasure (women, drinks, food, gifts, money, trips, cars, etc.) might give you some sort of pleasure but all are bates that the 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 the atmospheres of sin; from contacts and relationships that will bring you into sin. * The pleasure of sin is for a short time, for a season, but 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 the devil in the fiery lake of burning Sulphur? Therefore and 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, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: Jesus Christ is the King of kings and the Lord of lords but He came down from Heaven and became poor so that you will become rich, ***“9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9 KJV)*** 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, and the life of sin and the pleasure of it. Moses honored Christ and denied himself to be sure to receive his reward from Christ. Jesus said, ***“12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” (Revelation 22:12 KJV)*** **Every time you are willing to suffer, then you are living in expectation to receive Christ's reward whether here on earth or in Heaven.**

5. He left Egypt, he forsook it: Moses was willing to leave Egypt and all what he had there from treasures, riches, pleasures, honor, and authority. **In the same way the time for you now to take your 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: Moses accepted persecution because he decided to follow Christ. **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.**

7. He persevered because he saw Him who is invisible: *"27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible."* (Hebrews 11:27 KJV) Moses left Egypt when he was 40 years old and persevered as he lived in the wilderness. He endured that trial because He was able to see the Lord and lived his life to be faithful to him. 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's sake.

Moses observed also the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, *"28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them."* (Hebrews 11:28 KJV) The Lord commanded Moses and Aaron to observe the following in regard to the Passover: *"1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, 2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: 4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: 6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. 7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. 8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. 10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. 11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. 13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."* (Exodus 12:1-13 KJV) The Passover for us today is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who shed His blood on the cross for the redemption of our sins, *"7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:"* (1 Corinthians 5:7

KJV) Moses and the people of God in Egypt believed that as they will put the blood on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses where they ate the lambs will be saved from death. We are saved from death by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, **"8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."** (Ephesians 2:8 KJV)

But you need to observe that Moses and the people with him they did not only observe putting the blood but they ate also the lamb. As for our lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, the living Word, then you needs not only to believe but to partake and live according to the Word of God, for Jesus is the living Word of God. For Moses and the Israelites there were regulations they needed to observe before taking the Passover: *"43 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof: 44 But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. 45 A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. 46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. 47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. 48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. 49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. 50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. 51 And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies."* (Exodus 12:43-51 KJV):

A. "There shall no stranger eat thereof;" (Exodus 12:43 KJV): We should know the people's life well before we invite them to the Lord's Supper. We do the Lord's Supper with the disciples only.

B. "44 But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof." (Exodus 12:44 KJV): Speaking about circumcision is the circumcision of the heart, to live away from the sinful nature. Only those who observe to live in holiness should receive the Lord's Supper. If you still live in sin and not willing to repent, better not to take the Lord's Supper.

C. "45 A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof." (Exodus 12:45 KV): Those who are not part of the ministry should take it with their own churches and ministries. Paid workers and ministers are not the ideal for our service to God. Ministry is not a paid job to be fulfilled. It is a calling and commitment and cannot be considered job and employment.

D. "In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house;" (Exodus 12:46 KJV): The head of the house is the responsible person to know every person in his household before he let him or her involved in the Lord's Supper. Today the committed and faithful workers are the members of God's household who are invited to the Lord's Supper.

E. "Neither shall ye break a bone thereof." (Exodus 12:46 KJV): No command of God to be broken. You should observe all the commands of God and abide with His instructions.

F. "47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it." (Exodus 12:47 KJV): Every believer is responsible to make himself available and live in holiness so he can take part in the Lord's Supper. Those who are not willing to commit their lives fully to God, the church should not include them to take the Lord's Supper.

G. “48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. 49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.” (Exodus 12:48-49 KJV): Holiness and commitment to live according to the Word of God and bringing the gospel to our families and households is the rule for all those who want to take part of the Lord’s Supper. For the church today the Lord’s Supper is like the Passover celebration, and all the disciples should observe holiness and living according to the Word of God and committing themselves for Christ’s Mission to preach the gospel before partaking the Lord’s Supper.

All the above regulations we need to observe in our lives and ministries.

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’s offers? Are you willing to leave treasures and pleasures? Are you willing to leave food, tables, restaurants, vacations, parties and friends? Are you willing to leave your comfort zone (sleep, study, profession, job, house, habits, 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.

As you receive Christ as Savior and Lord over your life, then you need to put your faith into action and translate it to transformation, holiness and good deeds to do the good works that God had prepared in advance for you to do.

Come now to the Lord and repent and renounce all your sins. Commit yourself to the principles that we had learned from His Word in this message. Examine yourself, allows the Holy Spirit to examine you and repent of your sins. Let us pray ...

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 thank you for your Word that is instructing me in the way of righteousness. Lord thank you for all the teaching, the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments we received from you.

Repent and renounce all your sins. Repent of your worldliness and your love for material things. Repent of your greed and the love of money. Repent of your pride and lack of humility. Repent of your boasting, showing off and your love for fame and power. Repent of your lust and immoralities. Repent of your multiple marriages, and your divorce and remarriage. Repent of your smoking and drinking. Repent of your lack of faith and your lack of trust in God. Repent of doing your own will and plan. Repent of your non willingness to suffer for Christ and go along His will and the plan that He has for you. Repent of your lack of prayers and lack of reading God’s Word in the Bible. Repent of your lack of service and ministry unto God. Repent of your yoke with non believers, with many friends, and with the Media, News and games. Lord I repent and renounce the following sins _____.

Lord I commit my life and ways into your hand to live in holiness and willing to commit myself to the ministry and service of God. Lord I submit fully to your will and your purpose to me. Lord I am willing to leave the following _____ and whatever you would

show me in the future. Lord give me strength, good health and perseverance to continue to do that and to be fruitful followers of yours. Lord sustain me and provide for me to continue to serve you, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord, thank you for all my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and are willing to come out from worldliness and from their own will and plan, and to commit their lives to implement your Word and to go on and serve you. Lord uphold them with your grace, protect them from evil and from those who persecute them. Lord provide for them their needs and guide them in their lives and make them good testimony to others to follow you.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to continue to teach your Word and to live in holiness and to implement what we received in the lives of our families, children, the members and the workers of the church. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come to take us. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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