

Can I Live Today In A World So Corrupt?

Hebrews 11 is a thrilling account of men and women who, despite their mistakes, were faithful to God. Among those mentioned in this text is faithful Moses. His service to God is summarized in Hebrews 11:23-29.

Moses, like us today, lived in a corrupt world. How did he make it through the trials of life without giving up? I want to make five observations of how Moses was able to live in a world so corrupt.

First, Moses never lost his faith. Throughout these verses we learn that whatever Moses did, he acted by faith. Earlier in the text we are told *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him"* (Hebrews 11:6). Moses knew that in order to please God, he must never lose his faith. Moses believed in God, and His promises (Hebrews 11:27).

Second, Moses chose his companions wisely. Moses chose to *"suffer affliction with the people of God."* That old expression, "birds of a feather flock together," is a very biblical principle. Paul warns that, *"Evil companionships corrupt good morals"* (1 Corinthians 15:33). Who we pick to be our friends is an important decision. Be like Moses, and choose your companions wisely.

Third, Moses knew that sin's pleasures were temporary. Moses did not want to enjoy the pleasures of sin, even for a season. Sin often provides immediate gratification, yet those pleasures never last. John reminds us that *"the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever"* (1 John 2:17).

Fourth, Moses had a proper sense of values. Moses, esteemed *"the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward,"* Moses understood the principle that we are often reminded of, *"Seeking the kingdom of God first, and all these things will be added unto you"* (Matthew 6:33).

Fifth, Moses made his decisions based on eternity. *"By faith he forsook Egypt not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible"* (Hebrews 11:27). Paul wrote, *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above..."* (Colossians 3:1-3). Our cares and concerns should be on things that are heavenly. We should ask ourselves the question, "Will this decision help me go to heaven?" Be like Moses, and make your decisions based on eternity.

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Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see.

News & Notes

CONGRATULATIONS: To Bob & Joyce McMahan on the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter born to Troy and Cara McMahan on Friday. Bestwishes to all.

PRAYERS NEEDED: Helena Rice (age 6) had emergency brain surgery last week at Children's Hospital (Room 523) in Pittsburgh for a ruptured aneurysm. Helena is the great niece of Joyce Murdock and great great niece of Neva Owen. Remember this little girl and her family.

SURGERY SCHEDULED: Crystal Baker is scheduled for surgery Tuesday, June 16th at Beaver Medical Center. Remember Crystal in your prayers.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Ladies are invited to gather each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. to help prepare stuffed bears for children.

VBS: June 15th-19th at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Clair Avenue congregation in East Liverpool. Speaker: Larry Lemasters.

PANTRY: Chicken or beef broth.

THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS: At Home: Marlene Reynolds, Noni Scadden, Tim Adkins, Ilene Rayl, Docie Moore, Jack Board, Crystal Baker, Betty Carlin, Ruth Brewer, Harry & Imogene Nice. FOX NURSING HOME: Ruby Eddy. Remember others confined to their homes and in nursing homes. Check the bulletin board.

I Said A Prayer For You Today

*I said a prayer for you today, and know that God must have heard -
I felt the answer in my heart although He spoke no word!
I didn't ask for wealth or fame (I knew you wouldn't mind) -
I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you at the start of each new day;
To grant you health and blessings, and friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small,
But it was for His loving care I prayed for most of all!*

- Author Unknown -

The Holy Bible ...

The rock on which to build life!

Read it!
Cherish it!
Obey it!
Share it!