

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 the God abideth forever"* (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.

- Neil Richey, Eastside Church of Christ, Muskogee, OK (*Bulletin Digest*) -

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The Christian's walk and talk must go together.

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions apply (masks & distancing).
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Resumes Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Men, plan to be here for an hour of Bible study with your brothers.
MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, August 7th, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's. Men, plan to join in sharing a meal and fellowship.
NORTH CENTRAL OHIO BIBLE LECTURESHIP: Friday - Sunday, August 6 - 8, Lorain, OH with different speakers. See schedule on the bulletin board.
PANTRY: Shampoo and dish soap.
SEND CARDS: To Katelyn Gorby (niece of Iris Durbin), 1310 Willow Street, Wellsville, OH 43968.
SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Jim Hadley, Tim Martin, Marilyn Miller, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Emma Rine, Alex Harless, Rick Beck. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

Picture Gallery Of Past Members

Submit black & white or color pictures of past members and friends of the Chester church. These are to be displayed in the cabinets in the basement to establish a visual history of the church here. If you have questions or want to submit pictures contact David Malcomson.

Christian: Label or Life?

The New Testament teaches that the early disciples of the Lord bore the name of their Savior and Master (Acts 11:26). But, they did much more. They sought to bear His likeness, His image (Romans 8:29). They walked in His footsteps, and developed His mind (1 Peter 2:21).

They "learned Christ" when they learned His way and kept His commandments (Ephesians 4:20-21). They considered themselves servants of Jesus (John 12:26), and fulfilling His law (Galatians 6:2). The ultimate praise they offered Him was obeying His commandments (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3). Being a Christian is more than wearing His name!

- Darwin Hunter (*Bulletin Digest*) -

DO-IT-YOURSELF

"How-to" books are the thing today.
They fill up many a shelf.
The Bible is the original one
On how to help yourself.

"How to Live Happily Ever After"
"How to Leave Worry Far Behind"
"How to Grow In Grace and Wisdom"
Are these subjects on your mind?

"How to Have A Blessed Marriage"
"How to Be a Saint"
"How to Behave As a Child of God"
(Don't ever think you can't).

If you want to be a better you,
The Bible is the place to start.
It does not beat around the bush
It goes straight for your heart.

- Author Unknown - (*Bulletin Digest*)

*"My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth."*

- Psalm 121:2 -