

FAITH'S VISION FOR VICTORY

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Our theme for 2020:

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The Bible gives us the following information about faith:

Heb. 11:1 Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** ...

6 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.

I. Faith's Sanctifying Virtue, 11:24-26

- A. Over Social Position, 11:24
- B. Over Sinful Pleasure, 11:25
- C. Over Staggering Prosperity, 11:26

II. Faith's Solid Victory, 11:27

Heb. 11:27 **By faith he forsook Egypt**, not fearing the wrath of the king:
for **he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.**

- A. Over the Lure of the World, 11:27a “By faith he forsook Egypt...”
- B. Over the Lust of the Flesh, 11:27b “...not fearing the wrath of the king...”
- C. Over the Lies of the Devil, 11:27c “...for **he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.**”

Moses is a wonderful example of the challenges a person might have BEFORE coming to Christ, and also, challenges a believer might have AFTER coming to Christ. His life story should be an eye-opening encouragement to each of us as we live our life.

Right now, each person's biography is unfolding day by day, a story yet to be told. Life that is ahead of us has something more important than our past history. For each individual, we have a story that is yet to unfold. How are we going to live it? As we are looking at Moses' life story, we see the "spiritual vision" that guided his life, and we need that spiritual vision, too.

III. Faith's Spiritual Vision, 11:28-29

Heb. 11:28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

A. Consider the Timing, 11:24-28a

Heb. 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, **refused** to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

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**.

28 **Through faith he kept the passover**, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

❖ Moses “**refused**” → position in humanity = humility

“ **chose** ” → denial of self and identification with God = honesty

“ **esteemed** ” → evaluation of preeminence = honor

“ **respected** ” → evaluation of priorities = heart

“ **forsook** ” → separation from worldliness = heroism

“ **endured** ” → determination to continue = hardened

“ **saw** ” → focused upon the Savior = holiness

Heb. 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and **holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:**

- ❖ Moses showed his contempt for the world: its **prestige** (v. 24); its **pleasures** (v. 25); its **prosperity** (vs. 26-27.)
- ❖ The seven aspects were precursors **BEFORE** engaging the Passover.
- ❖ Moses initiated, by faith, the Passover → faith walks hand-in-hand with obedience.
- ❖ God says “STUDY” = a believer responds by reading and studying the Word of God
- ❖ God says “REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED” = a believer responds by repentance, salvation, and baptism.
- ❖ God says “PRAY WITHOUT CEASING” = a believer responds by continually praying.

B. Confronting the Terror, 11:28 **Through faith he kept the passover,** and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

❖ The seven aspects listed earlier were not enough to earn salvation.

Eph. 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* **the gift of God:**

9 **Not of works,** lest any man should boast.

❖ The FOCUS of FAITH is upon CHRIST and His provision.

Heb. 9:22b “...**without shedding of blood is no remission.**”

Ex. 12:13 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.

❖ Without the blood of Christ, there is no remission of sins, but expectation of God's wrath – "...**lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.**"

2 Cor. 5:11a "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..."

Psa. 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and **God is angry with the wicked every day.**

Jn. 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

❖ There will be no sin in the New Jerusalem:

Rev. 21:27 And **there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth**, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: **but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

❖ Sin is so serious an offense against God Who is HOLY, that Jesus came to earth to die.

1 Tim. 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.**

❖ God commended His love toward each us, while we were yet sinners.

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

9 Much more then, **being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

❖ The life of Moses emphasized the FOCUS OF FAITH being upon the price of salvation

Jn. 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

Summary

- ❖ Moses considered a broad perspective of the seriousness of identifying with God.
- ❖ After considering seven perspectives, he submitted himself to the most important reality – “28 **Through faith he kept the passover**, and the sprinkling of blood...”
- ❖ By faith, Moses focused upon God’s plan for man:

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Conclusion

Eph. 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus **ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

1 Jn. 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

1 Pet. 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with **the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**