

Sovereign Grace Church

"Moses" outline

July 2, 2017

Hebrews 11: 23-26

As we continue our study of Hebrews we are considering the author's listing of Old Testament saints (chapter 11) who believed the Promise of God and, in spite of tremendous obstacles, pursued this Promise, even though it meant dying without having seen it's fulfillment.

We have just completed a look at the Patriarch's and are now ready to consider Moses. Moses' faith in these first few verses center upon a decision he had to make when he became a mature adult. That choice had to do with his identity: would he continue to identify himself with the perks and privileges of royal power and authority in Pharaoh's court? Or would he reject such power in order to be identified with the persecuted people of God?

He chose the latter and because he did, his name is not some incidental mark on some long-forgotten Egyptian artifact but a name that is immediately recognized even today by both friends and enemies and will continue to so be remembered even unto and beyond the ending of this world.

1. Moses' Parents Faith v. 23; Ex. 1: 22

- A "beautiful child" Josephus, Antiquities, II, 216
- Not afraid Ac. 4: 18-20; Ex. 2: 1-10

2. Moses' Faithful Decision vv. 24-25

- Context of his choice Gen. 2: 11-14
- His REAL Choice! Lk 14: 33; Jn. 15: 18-20
 - Way of Self/World Mk 9: 43-44

- **Way of Jesus** Jn 15: 11; Matt 5: 11-12; Lk 9: 23-24

3. Moses' Faithful Thinking v. 26

- **Meaning of “anointed”**
Psm 89: 50-51; Jn. 1: 45; 5: 46; Phil. 3: 8; Matt. 10: 32

Questions for further discussion & reflection:

- 1. What did you learn from your parents? Was what you learned from them what they intended to teach you? Is it possible to learn truth while at the same time learning bad character? How can this be corrected?**
- 2. Have you faced the decision that Moses faced as a young adult? How would you put that decision in your own words? What is the contrast between living our lives in the realm of the self or world vs. living our lives in the context of the realm of Jesus? Are we talking about only “religious” things? Or all things? How does one work in a fast food restaurant while living in Christ's kingdom as opposed to your own? As a pastor? As a lawyer? As a prostitute?!**
- 3. How do you “think” in service to Christ as opposed to yourself? Give an example from one of the Commandments?**
- 4. What does it mean to “believe in Jesus” for your salvation? Does it mean that if you make a profession of belief in Jesus at a particular time that you're “good to go?” regardless of how you live your life from that point? What is the place of works in “saving faith in Christ”?**