

INTRODUCTION

1. Hb 11:23-29. Attn give to Ab [11 vss] & Moses [7vss] - *David* merely mentioned - v32. v23 Moses' parents given entire verse.

1st: When Did Moses' Parent's Exercise Faith?

1. *when Moses was born* - repeats *by faith*
2. Moses born to believing parents at significant time in redemptive history.

2nd: What Did Moses' Parents Do by Faith?

1. Israelites seen as a threat - Pharaoh tries to control population - Exo 1:7-22
 - i. Pharaoh lets Israel go - 10th plague: death of 1st-born males - Gn 12:3
 - ii. Lex Talionis operative in just punishment - an inclusio
2. Midwives - Shiphrah & Puah fear God more than Pharaoh. Israel became *very mighty* [v20]. v22 - public policy - oppression & persecution.
3. What did Moses' parents do *by faith* - *hid Moses for 3 months* - Ex 2:1-10
 - i. Basket in Nile & Pharaoh's daughter *drew him from water* ["Moses" is play on those words] & nursed by his Mom - v11ff a young man
 - ii. Hb 11:23 - Ex 2:2 - 1st 3 months of infancy - danger.

3rd: Why Did Moses' Parents Hide Him by Faith?

1. *not afraid of King's edict* => they feared God - Ex 1:17 & 21 [Mat 10:28]. Enemy of faith is fear - not reason. Afraid, not of being wrong, but discipleship - martyrdom. Faith overcomes fear of death. Moses' parented feared God when it could cost them their lives.
2. *saw that he was beautiful* - nobility. A 7:20 *Moses was lovely in the sight of God* => divine purpose perceived *by faith*.
 - a. Josephus says Amram [Moses' dad] had vision?
 - b. Analogous to Simeon - Lk 2:29-30.
 - c. Hb 11:22 See anything re: Moses? *The exodus* - Gn 15:13-14, v16a
 - 1) Time for exodus was near: 400 yrs, 4th gen [Dan 9:2]. We not know when Jesus' return. They had Gn 15.
 - 2) Knew YHWH wld judge - TF not fear king's edict

d. Stephen on Moses - A 7:17-25

- 1) v17 - knew promised time was approaching. How did Moses know of his Jewish identity? Parents? Family?
- 2) v23 - at 40 yrs old Moses knew *his brethren* - v25 sensed that *God was granting them deliverance thru him*. At 80 yrs - burning bush [Ex 3:6]. Moses knew of Ab, Isaac & Jacob.
3. Moses' parents were believers in rev'd Word; perhaps a prophecy-like ministry of HS - convinced Moses was to be used at that time in history.

Applic #1: Faith Overcomes Fear of Death

1. Moses' parents acted by faith, not fear death. Hb 12:3-4

Applic #2: Faith Feels God More Than False Gods

1. Pharaoh seen as deity. Moses' parents' faith - Ab's faith in context of pagan idolatry.

Applic #3: Appreciate the Importance of Parental Influence

1. Speculate family involvement w/ Moses - more than adopted - v24-26. Compare Hb 11:23 w/ v27: not fear Pharaoh [2T 1:5].
2. Give parental instruction to kids. Mentioned re: Ab, Isaac, Jacob, Moses.

Applic #4: Be Aware of Where We Are In Redemptive History

1. *as the time of the promise was approaching* [A 7:17] - live in light of what God is about to do. Hb 9:27-28 - death. Tit 2:11-14 - Jesus' return.

Applic #5: Take Risks in Reliance on God's Providential Care

1. Desire to be safe & secure makes us cowards. If we took more risks of faith, wld we see God providentially provide in surprising ways?

Applic #6: If You Have a Godly Heritage, You Are Responsible to Believe

1. Note v24 *by faith Moses...* Parents can pray, educate & discipline - but each of us must come to faith as individuals [Jn 1:12-13] - Acts 2:38. If you have been raised under to promise of the gospel, you are called to believe God's promises & live by faith in Jesus.