

INTRODUCTION

1. Influence of Christian parents on child. Child must believe - Jn 1:12-13.
 - i. OTOH, the child who embraces religion of parents - 2T 3:15.
 - ii. OTOH, the child encouraged to refuse religion of parents.
 - iii. We desire to convey a godly heritage that leads to salvation *by faith*.
2. Hb 11 - *by faith* - 19x. v23 Faith of Moses' parents.
3. Moses' faith - Hb 11:24-29. Readers tempted to avoid persecution & return to OCov - but that is impossible - OCov has flowered into NCov.

1st: What Did Moses Do By Faith? v24-26

1. 4 verbs describe faith: main verb & 3 participles [end in "-ing"].
2. *when he had grown up* = Ex 2:11-15 - Israelites are *his brethren*
3. Acts 7:21-29 Stephen repeats Ex 2:13-15
 - i. v23 *it entered his mind*; v25 - Moses thot Israelites wld discern that God was giving *deliverance* [lit 'salvation'] - Moses acting like savior.
 - ii. Smthg is going on in Moses' mind re: his identity & calling. Needs 40 more years to learn not to be an Egyptian savior!
4. What Moses had come to think are the actings of faith.
 - i. *refused*
 - ii. *choosing*
 - iii. *considering*
 - iv. *looking* = v1, v3, v10, v13.

2nd: What Did Moses Refuse and Choose By Faith?

1. Refused: *to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter* [v24] in order to choose *the people of God* [v25]
2. Refused *to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin* in order to choose *to endure ill-treatment* [v25].
 - i. Pleasures of sin. The problem is not enjoyment per se se [1T 6:17 same term], but *enjoyment of sin*.
 - a. *sin* = violate God's law - w/o love.

- b. *pleasure* - Scripture's honesty re: sin. People are ensnared by the initial pleasure of sin wh/ is *passing* - issues into pain.
- ii. *rather than* - Moses chose affliction - *to endure ill-treatment with*: a specific kind of suffering - fang-pierced heels: cross: discipleship.
3. Refused *treasures of Egypt* in order to choose *the reproach of Christ* [v26].
 - i. *the treasures of Egypt*
 - ii. *the reproach of Christ*
 - a. People of God - Ps 89:50-51; Ps 69:9 [R 15:9]; Isa 63:8-9
 - b. Lk 24:44-47 Jesus' suffering & res [Jn 1:45; 5:46]. Moses wrote about Jesus.
 - c. *reproach* = verbal abuse, shaming - what is that worth? *Greater riches* [wealth, monetary value] *than treasures of Egypt*.

3rd: Why Did Moses Refuse and Choose By Faith?

1. *considering* - make a decision after weighing all factors; evaluation.
2. Why did Moses refuse & choose *by faith*? *b/c he was looking to the reward - as seeing Him who is invisible* [v27].
3. Moses' faith - Hb 11:1. Eternal perspective - wh/ we need.

Applic #1: Let Us Refuse and Choose In Light of Eternity

1. Beware of the contemporary elevation of autonomy of self. See eternity.
2. The Rich Fool - Rich Man in Hades - Lot's wife - *For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world & loses himself?* [Lk 9:25]
3. Moses refused & chose *b/c no servant can serve 2 masters* [Lk 16:13]
4. Today we keep our options open; not be too committed to anythg - but there is smthg that is committed to us: death & Final Judgment [Hb 9:27].
5. Let us make choices & commitments that have eternal significance - by faith: *seeing Him who is unseen - looking for the reward*. AMEN