

THE EXEMPLARY FAITH OF MOSES, Part 2 - Hebrews 11:27

INTRODUCTION

1. Indispensable importance of Moses & Exodus for biblical faith. - Hb 11.
 - i. v23 - *by faith* - Moses' parents hid him as a baby.
 - ii. v24-26 *by faith* Moses refused Egypt & chose Israel.

1st: Moses' Faith in HIM who is Unseen - v27

1. *by faith* = interplay tw/ the invisible & visible. Our faith & promises.
2. v1 - faith is convinced re: future invisible thgs rev'd by Word of God - all promises are fulfilled in HIM [v3,7,8,10,13,23,26,27 = culmination].
3. *Him* = *His Son* [Hb 1:2] - Hb 2:8-9 [v5 - *world to come* - Ps 8 in v6-8]
 - i. Hb 2:8a - we see *all thgs* as subjected to Kg Jesus by faith while, empirically, *now we do not yet see all thg subjected to Him*. Hb 1:3 Col 1:16-17 - *all thgs* = visible & invisible - creation: [Mat 28:18].
 - ii. Hb 2:8b *not yet see* = physical sight of this age. We will see w/ eyes of res'd bodies in age to come - but that is *not yet*.
 - iii. v9a we do see Jesus - incarnate God-Man.
 - a. OTOH - Jesus cld be seen w/ empirical eyes - 1 Jn 1:1-3
 - b. OTOH - we do see Jesus as He is revealed - w/ sight of faith.
 - iv. v9b our seeing included Jesus' incarnation, death & resurrection to be crowned w/ glory - ties back to v8a: all thgs subjection under His feet.
 - a. We look at Jesus [Christ, Son of Man, Lord] & see the Man of the age to come: *Him who is unseen*.
4. *HIM who is unseen* is Jesus: incarn, crucified, res'd, exalted over all thgs. Moses' faith was Messianic - as is ours - Hb 11:27.

2nd: When Did Moses Leave Egypt?

1. 2 options - 1] when he killed Egyptian & fled or 2] when he lead Israel out thru Red Sea? Hinges on meaning of "*fear*"
2. When Israel left Egypt, Pharaoh capitulated [Exo 12:35-36; 14:36]. But at shore of Red Sea, Israel feared - Ex 14:13.
3. When Moses killed Egyptian, he feared Pharaoh - Exo 2:11-15
 - i. If v27 = departure after kill Egyptian - problem: Ex 2 - he was afraid.
 - ii. If v27 = departure of Exo - problem b/c Kg was not wrathful.
4. v27 refers to 1st departure, after killing the Egyptian - why?

- i. Hb 11 follows chronology. If v27 = Exo it is out of sequence w/ v28.
- ii. *fear* = respect, revere. Moses not respect Pharaoh's gov't.

3rd: What Motivated Moses to Kill the Egyptian?

1. Moses was God's Messiah-like Deliverer - legitimate Messiah-complex. His faith in *Him unseen* enabled him to see himself as Israel's Savior.
2. Some factors pointing to departure after killing Egyptian.
 - i. Exo 2:11 - *When Mo grew up* - Hb 11:24a,b. Hb 11:27 = climax of Moses' rejection of Egyptian identity to identify w/ Israel.
 - ii. A 7:22-29 why to Midian? v25. Thot Israel wld realize he = Deliverer. But he was still too Egyptian. His Christocentric faith had to mature.

4th: What Did Moses Do by Faith?

1. Hb 11:27 - *he left Egypt & endured as seeing Him - not fear King's wrath*
2. Moses went to Midian at age of 40 [A 7:23]. A 7:29 right after incident w/ 2 fighting Israelites - v30 *after 40 yrs* - burning bush) back to Egypt. Moses endured: 40 yrs in Midian while seeing Him unseen! Ex 2:15-25
 - i. Moses acts as a deliver for foreign wmn - *an Egyptian delivered us* [v19]; Zipporah births *Gershom: for I have been a ["ger"] sojourner in a foreign land*. Stephen tells Sanhed Moses [?!] was a foreigner!
 - ii. Hb 11:13 defines Moses' faith - *a confessed stranger & exile*.
3. Hb 11:27 Moses *endured* 40 yrs in Midian [until 80!] *as seeing Him*. *Who made you a ruler?* will take another 40 yrs to ans! Apprenticed in humility

Applic #1: Faith Overcomes Fear

1. Moses saw Pharaoh's gov't as *a drop in the bucket* [Isa 40:15] as he *saw Him*. We see Him elevated & are called to count all thgs as loss as we sojourn in this Midian. Fear God & fear none else - Hb 13:5-6.

Applic #2: Faith Sees Him Who is Unseen

1. Faith, altho invisible, is described in empirically: eyes, ears, walking, tasting. Faith engages means of grace seeing Him.
2. 1 Ptr 1:6-9. AMEN