

Title: The Mother of Moses (A Godly Lady)
Text: Hebrews 11:23

Would you take your Bibles, please, and turn to Hebrews chapter 11. Hebrews chapter 11 and verse 23. Today is mother's day. And there are many different mothers in the Bible which we could look at and learn from and gain insight from. And, yet, the Lord drew my attention to Hebrews 11:23. For here we have one of the great examples of a GODLY ^{Lady} MOTHER.....

(Read Hebrews 11:23)

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we thank you again for your Word. And we rejoice that here are the answers to our needs. We thank you for the testimony of Moses and his mother. And we pray that you will teach us and that we will learn from them. And we pray that our lives will be different because of it. Our Father, we thank you for Jesus Christ. We thank you that in Him we have everlasting life. And we thank you that we have the assurance that once we come to ~~you~~ we will in no wise be cast out. We thank you for your love as we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen...

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Now, this verse, I believe gives us an insight into the mother of Moses, even though the Mother of Moses is not actually named. Yet, I believe that the Bible clearly teaches that it is referring to the mother of Moses.

~~And~~ ^{now} I would like you to see, in the example of Moses, how important His mother's faith and confidence in God was. And how that Moses and what he did in his life can be traced to a mother who build into his life Godly principles. For, I believe she followed the instruction of the Old Testament in how to teach her children. And I believe the whole story of Moses, in contrast to what you might remember from the movie, "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS", was not that Moes one day discovered that he was a Jew, but that he knew he was a Jew all the time. And he had built into him the principles of God's Word by his own mother.

I hope you will see that today.....

the *of Moses*

Now, let's examine the circumstances of ~~his~~ birth as we try to understand his faith and the faith of his parents. This is mentioned in Vs 23. And there are three things that I want you to see from Vs 23 concerning the circumstances of the birth of Moses.

out Any child in Sunday School who has been there very long knows the story of Baby Moses. He was born and hid in that little ark of bullrushes. Later he was found by the daughter of Pharoah...It is quite a story. In fact it is an amazing story. There are three things I want you to notice about the circumstances of his birth...

(1) Number one, I believe this birth ^{demonstrate} involves confidence in God's plan.

It involved confidence or faith or trust in the plan of God. And this was on the part of his parents, mainly his mother.

In Vs 23, it says: "By faith Moses,".....obviouslely Moses didn't ~~have~~ have the faith when he was born. It is, therefore, referring to the parants. "By faith, when he was born he was hid for three months by his parents because they saw that he was a beautiful child."

Now, if you will take your Bibles and turn to the book of Exodus, chapter 2. We need to read, for a moment, the background of that story as to why his parents hid Moses for three months.

Exoudus chapter 2 and beginning at Vs 1.....

"Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi."

Now, let me stop at this point and tell you that the identity of his parents is given to us in Exodus chapter 6 verse 20. There names were: Am'ram and Jock'e-bed. I tell you that because I am not going to be referring to her name all morning lest you go home with that Jock'e-bed ~~falling~~, you know...Couldn't she have had another name that was softer. But Jock'e-bed was her name.

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Also, remember that the tribe of Levi is the Priestly tribe. And the brother of Moses, Arron, became the key instrument in God's hands for the establishment of the Priesthood.

Moses of course was used by God to give the Mosaic law as well as to be the human author of the first Five books of the O.T. called the Pentateuch.

Vs 2: "And the woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful (it says ~~goodly~~ in your K.J, which in the Old English means beautiful) she saw that he was a beautiful, she hid him for three months."

In other words

~~The name~~: there was something about the way the child looked, that immediately taught the parents to do something about ~~his situation~~

Some have suggested that it was the exceptional beauty that God had a special plan for him. And the parents believed ~~that plan~~

It could be that these parents, also, put two and two together and realized that a prophecy was ~~about~~ to be fulfilled.

The Prophecy?

Do you ~~want~~ to know ~~what I am talking about~~?...Here it is: God prophesied in the Abrahamic covenant that there so journey in bondage in Egypt would be about 400 years.

Now, Moses was born, I believe, around ~~125~~ 125 B.C. In fact it has to be around that date if you believe the dating system of the Bible. That means that over 350 years have already passed in bondage in Egypt. And it could very well be that God some how revealed to these parents that the time was drawing near. And that ~~there was~~ ~~his~~ son would be used of God to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt.

I don't know for sure. But I think it is ^{possibly} ~~fascinating~~. Because I don't know of many babies that don't look pretty, you know what I mean?

I mean a baby has to be down right ugly, to not believe it is pretty... and in the eyes of the parents every baby is beautiful and fantastic....

~~Look at the child... unless something is seriously wrong with that child...~~ and so, I believe, there is no other explanation for the fact that they hid him in full confidence of what God's plan was...

Either for the prophecy that was given in the Abrahamic covenant ..or.. the fact that God had specially revealed to these parents that this boy is going to deliver his people..

I think the ^{latter} ~~latter~~ story of what happened to Moses, in some sense, indicates the faith and confidence of those parents. But, I ^{almost} ~~say~~ ^{to say} ~~qualified~~: you will not find a verse or sections of scripture on this subject so, it is ~~my~~ only my conviction..... ^{But} ~~because~~ I believe it is suggested.

Let's go on with the story... Vs 3 (READ VS 3-6)

The question is always ask: how did she know that Moses was a Hebrew child?.... Answer: by the Hebrew blanket that covered the child. This blanket would not be used by an Egyptian.

(Read Vs 7-9)

Now, I tell you that that is not bad at all. Not only getting the care of your child, but getting paid for it. You can't beat that... Then it says that "the woman took the child and nursed him." "and the child grew."

Now, the question has always been: "HOW LONG DID THAT WOMAN HAVE THAT BOY?".....

Was it simple the period of the ^{infantile} ~~infantile~~ years? No, I don't believe that. In fact there is much to tell us as we ~~examine~~ examine the whole story that Moses was with his mother for a better part of his child and adolescent life. He was being groomed, properly, by his mother, to then be taken into Pharaoh's household.

out There is no telling how old the boy was. But we do know that there was another boy in Pharaoh's household who became a serious threat to Moses and Moses to him. More about that in a moment.

Anyway she cared about the boy and the Bible simple says "He grew." "and she *brought* him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she named him Moses, and ~~she~~ *said*, "because I drew him out of the water."

Now, back to Hebrews 11...I see in this example of Moses, in the circumstance of his birth, that first, it involved confidence in God's plan,

The Bible says in Hebrews 11:23 that the parents did this by faith. Now, how did they know to do that? There is a simple explanation. They saw he was a beautiful child, exceptional beauty. The exceptional beauty has to be, not simply that he was good looking, but that they saw the beauty of God's plan in his life and therefore operated by faith. There had to be something revealed to them which resulted in the statement that "by FAITH THEY DID THIS."

And I wonder, Mom's and Dads, in the training and care and love of our kids, do we honestly, sincerely, seek after a revealing of God's plan for them?.....Or..do we simply desire our will for their well being?

(2) Now, the second thing that I believe is involved here is the care of God's possession. I believe these parents knew that he was a gift of God. Not in the general sense.. that every mother and father believe there baby is...But, that there was a special plan of God for the Baby Moes. And so they took care of him as expressed in Exodus 2. And I believe *that* ~~more~~ that Mother was placing within that child all of God's plan.

For example, the story in Exodus omits a lot of the early life of Moses. All of those years that the mother has been training Moses is omitted In fact the story of Moses begins with his birth and then jumps to the time when he is 40 years old.



And I ask you: what was going on in those missing years? We know one thing, he was instructed in all the wisdom and education and knowledge of the Egyptains. So much so that the Bible says he was a mighty man in his day. Eloquent in speech and had the great knoweldge of those ancient Egyptains. Yet, all the time, he knew God's plan for his life. I know he knew it.....

When I ~~watched~~ ^{watched} for the 10th time the ~~re-run~~ re-run of the Ten Commandments I am always fasinated with many parts of the movie. For example, when Moses found out, according to the movie, he found out he was a Jew, if you remember the ~~movie~~ movie, one of the maids of Pharaoh's daughter showed Moses the Hebrew blanket and then, he realized he was a Jew.....

That is not what the Bible teaches. As a mttter of fact, when Moses killed the Egyptian, who was beating the Jews, he did so fully knowing that Those where his Hebrew brothers. The Bible says so.....

He knew exactly what he was doing. He knew he was a Jew and he was supporting his own people. In fact if you will read that story in the book of Exodus you will discover that the Hebrews people knew Him, also. And they had had interchange before. And they had critized him because he had some of the good life and they were still slaves. They knew who he was. And so he fled out into the desert. It took him 40 years to come back. But God was preparing that man. He came back at 80 years old. And ~~a~~ ~~the~~ ~~rest~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~story~~ / you know the rest of the story.

I believe Moses knew exactly what he was doing. And I believe the result of what Moses knew and understaood was a result of ^{what} his mother had taught him.

Written into that little line in Exoudus 2 about the mother nursing the child and then the child growing to some point at which he was then turned over Pharaoh's daughter.

For example, we know today, that what ever you are going to do with a child you must do before the age of five. If you are a student of Psychology you will know the formative years -- age birth to five - and the years

where all kinds of attitudes and motives are built into the child. Who knows what the early years of Moses' life were in term of forming him for the mission he was to perform.

His mother, I believe, instilled into his mind that he was a Jew. That God had a plan for him to deliever his people. And God continued to show Moses that ^{plus} When Moses finally faced the crisis of having to go back to Pharaoh and do it God's way, he gave all kinds of excusses. I am not eloquent, I am slow of speech and so forth.

But, I believe his mother had instilled Godly principles, ~~the~~ the teaching of God's word, into that man's mind as a child. And when he went into that court room of the daughter of Pharaoh he already had principles which God was going to use in the future to transform his life.

Thank God for Mothers who see that. Listen, Mother, I don't care what people say about ~~the~~ the influence of society, and invoronment, and all of that,...I believe that if a mother, and a father of ^{course} ~~course~~, bbut specifical a mother will spend time teaching their children ^{the things of God} ~~at~~ the results will be tremendous. ^{If} you train them in God's principle, you will be able to ^{send} ~~send~~ your children out into sinful, worldly invironment, and ^{those} ~~that~~ principle that has been built into their lives, God's Word, will stand them in good stead. I BELIEVE THAT....I KNOW THAT BY EXPERIENCE... (It cost them they will not see - or catch up ^{improvement} ~~improvement~~ you)

Don't underestimate the teaching of your child; and pouring insights into that child... You say: When should I begin that teaching?

Well, I would begin it in the hospital.... ~~That's right....~~ That's right....But, most of us wait to long..We need to start forming the principles' of God's Word into our children. The Bible says: "Train a child up in the way of the Lord and he shall never depart." That doesn't mean just to send your children to Sunday School. It means to instill within them by your example, by your training, by your devotion, the principles of God's Word...Then, when you have done that, the scintute will be fulfilled.

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And that child will stand in good stead. Even if the whole world goes to pot. That individual child knows God's Word, and has the insights of God's Word, it will make a difference in his life. I believe that. The mother saw God's plan for her life. And thus she was able to prepare her son so that God could use him. *There is the key - The mother saw God's plan for Her life and thus was able to prepare her son.*

But, let me also say this. Even though this is Mother's Day, according to the Bible it is the responsibility of the Father to train that child in the principles of God's Word. It is not mom's responsibility. The Bible is very clear about that. Eph 6:2 says directly to father: "Train up your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord..."

And the sad thing is that we have too many Fathers who are failing in this area of their responsibility. They leave it to mom's; but Dad's it is ^{our} your responsibility. And the Bible teaches that God will hold us responsible for the training of our children.

(3) The third thing that I see involved in the circumstances of his birth is that it involved courage. Look at the last statement of Hebrews 11:23.... "They were not afraid of the King's commandment." *is that*

Why were they not afraid?....Because of the first words of Vs 23? "By faith."....The only way to cancel out fear is through Faith...

You know, I often think about parental fear....Boy, you know....trying to bring up children in this day and age. And couples even fear having children to bring them up in such a wicked age.....BY FAITH.....Listen, it was far worse in the days of Moses.....*Then it is Today*

There was a decree of the King working against them. And yet, by faith they didn't fear the kings' commandment. God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of love and power and a sound mind. We don't have anything to be ~~afraid~~ ^{afraid} of. Our trust and confidence is in God who can do all things well. A god who will never leave us nor forsake us.

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So, let me ask ~~again~~. Mom's..do you have personal saving confidence in God's plan for your life and the life of your children? In the training and care and love of your kids, do you honestly, sincerely, seek after a revealing of God's plan for them...or...do you simplyly desire your own personal will for their well being?

And are you training your children in the principles of God's Word? Showing your children by your example, by your experience that the things that God says are true? Can your children experience, because of your example what it means to trust and to live a christian life? A life that is lived without fear of tommorow, but lived in the confidence of God's presence...?

And I believe Moese was ^{able} ~~able~~ to be used by God because he had a mother that gave him the greatest gift any mother could give. And that is the gift of herself as an example of Godly living.

And you know it is never to late....You say, "Well, my children are all gone....Yes...but your example can still reach them.

And let me say one final word. Many of you have had a christian mother who has prayed for you over the years. They taught you God's principles. But, as yet, you have never surrendered your heart and life to Christ. Perhaps your mother has gone to heaven. But the door of salavation is still open. Christ is still inviting. He still stands at the door and knocks. And all you have to do is open the door and invite the Lord to come in. Will you do that, today, right now?.....

I hope and pray you will.....

Shall we pray....

How about the rest of us - Our kids are gone - they have moved away. are we free of this Responsibility? - no way - we have grandkids - We have kids in this church whose only christian example is us - Do you understand!