

THE MAN, MOSES

TEXT: Exo 3:1-12

THESIS: Leaders come in all kinds of people and we must stand when God tells us to take the stand.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Moses was a great man who was about to become the Hebrew national hero at the time.
2. It was through God that he was chosen to be a leader, author, lawgiver, and prophet.
 - a. But, often we forget about people such as Moses and others that showed the world what it was like to be without God and without His help.
 - b. For Moses grew in a time of sadness where there was great oppression and where the world proclaimed that there were many gods, such as the world does today.
 - c. While the world seems to doubt if God exist or not, we learn from Moses that there are many problems and misfortunes that take place when we turn away from God.
3. Moses grew up unaware of the greatness of God and only obeyed that which was right in the sight of the empire of Egypt.
4. But, he eventually learned that there was a difference between the world that he knew and the world in which God created.
5. Therefore, it was through this conflict that we see the life of Moses as:
 - a. The man of greatness
 - b. The man of hardship
 - c. The man that won his freedom

DISCUSSION:

I. THE MAN OF GREATNESS

- A. Moses was born a Hebrew by his father Amram.
 1. It was through this birth that lead to his greatness because of what pharaoh decreed in those days.
 2. Since the Hebrews outnumbered the Egyptians and feared rebellion, pharaoh declared that all male children from birth were killed to control the population.
 3. Out of fear for Moses, his mother Jochebed hid him from the order given by pharaoh and the pains of death which gave life to him at the hands of the daughter of the pharaoh.
- B. Lets rediscover the text of Exo 2:5-10
 1. Moses was given a second chance at birth to grow under the influence of Egypt where he could not have this opportunity to grow under the cloth of the Hebrew nation.
 2. It was in the plan that Moses was to become a child of great importance both to Egypt and to the Israelites.

- C. While the Old Testaments does not make mention of his role as an Egyptian, “Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.” (Acts 7:22)
1. Moses had become well received by the Egyptians unaware to the leaders that he was of Hebrew descent.
 2. Being mighty in words meant that he was one that was seen as wise and understanding while reasoning or preaching to others as one of great statue.
 - a. Furthermore, his mighty deeds were known as the labour by which he did.
 - b. He understood both the worldly and spiritual wisdom of Egypt even though he did not know they were wrong at the time.
 3. He had become a mighty man who was powerful, capable, and strong to which others may have seen him as a great man with authority.
- D. However, After Moses learned the truth about the history of his life, he turned to his own people and once again became a descendant of Abraham.
1. “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;” (Heb 11:24, 25)
 2. He had changed his position and chose to be loyal to his race despite the oppression that fell upon him.

II. THE MAN OF HARDSHIP

- A. Moses saw the hurting of his people and could not bear to see the oppression of his people by the hands of the Egyptians while they were being murdered and tortured.
- B. Therefore, Moses took matters into his own hands.
1. Let us read how he did this in Exo 2:11-15
 2. He became a wanted man and was exiled from his home to a distant land out of the reach of the Egyptian army.
- C. Out of desperation for his life, Moses came to the land of Midian with little to nothings in his possession.
1. He had become a condemned man by Egypt, but God was soon to select him to release the Israelites from their bondage and oppression.
 2. Moses who was once mighty and could have possessed almost anything that he desired, was now afraid and filled with confusion over his own uncertainties.
 3. But God chose Moses to be the leader of the children of Israel and to lead them out of their bonds that pharaoh had placed upon them.
- D. Therefore, Moses travels back to Egypt and presents himself before Pharaoh to speak on God’s behalf to free the slaves, but is quickly shunned away.
1. The pharaoh could not stand Moses and so it was by the hand of God that Moses brought plagues, flies, locust, hail, bloody waters, and even the

death of the 1st born son unto the Egyptian people which became too difficult to endure.

2. The Egyptians, their gods, and pharaoh had been defeated and because of this, pharaoh lowers his pride and arrogance enough to allow Moses and the Israelites to leave from his sight and from his lands.
- E. Pharaoh was left with a saddened heart over the death of his son.
1. He was left with a crippled empire where there was no one to do the work of his kingdom.
 2. He had only himself, his people, and his failed gods.

III. THE MAN THAT WON HIS FREEDOM

- A. Moses saw the changes in pharaoh and it was by the power of God that pharaoh freed the children of Israel.
1. Moses had fought a good fight for the Lord because he put his trust in Him.
 - a. We can see through the scriptures that Moses at first was unsure of his abilities, but when the people were gathered together with their cattle and possessions, he was ready to lead the people to the land flowing with milk and honey: the land of Canaan.
 - b. He had won his freedom from oppression by the hand of the one they called "I AM."
 2. He had beaten the many gods of Egypt and showed that the God of Abraham was the only God.
- B. Moses, who was often unsure of his abilities, never doubted the Lord.
1. He possessed great faith in God even when others around were discouraging him because of the plagues that the Lord was producing before Egypt.
 2. Moses was the deliverer in whom they had sought from the time of their bondage.
- C. It was the will of God that Moses was to be a great leader.
- D. "This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send [to be] a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush." (Acts 7:35)
- E. Moses was ready to live a new life.
1. One without oppression, but freedom.
 2. He had won, but it was only by the power of God.
- F. Moses while nervous and scared of the world, he stood up high with courage because of God.
1. Moses had become a man of faith and strength.

CONCLUSION:

1. Moses was a great man who was a Hebrew leader, author, lawgiver, and prophet.
 - a. He was mighty in deeds and labored at first for Pharaoh, but once he learned more

- of God, his wisdom shined around him and he proclaimed the message of God.
- b. He was a mighty man who was powerful enough in mind to change his thinking where he was given the authority of God and an opportunity to serve the Lord instead of staying at his home with Pharaoh.
 - c. By faith, Moses was a leader of the children of Israel and chose to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.
 - d. Christians often can relate to Moses because they are also given the same chance to leave their home of sin and begin a new life in service to the Lord.
2. “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Phil. 4:13)
- a. We should not forget people like Moses and others that showed the world that there is something better than the world.
 - b. God is able to help those who follow after him and even though there are many who will never follow the Lord, there will be some who choose to obey him.
 - c. We must be willing to set the example and seek out other individuals and show them the way to Christ.
3. Oppression and depression is no different today than it was in the days of Moses.
- a. Christians will always have a difficult time following Christ because Satan gives us a million reasons why his way is better.
 - b. Even though Satan is a very strong, deceptive, producer of evil, his powers are nowhere near the might of Jehovah God!
 - c. May we put our love in Christ and draw strength from him.
 - d. We may never be as well known as Moses who was a man of greatness, hardship, and who fought great oppression for an entire nation.
 - e. However, when we pass from this earth, wouldn't it be nice if someone put on our tombstone “Here lies a man who “have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”