

"The Walk of Faith"

Part 20

11:1-40

Introduction: Tonight we again return to our study of Hebrews and as we do we again return to a study of the life of Moses. Now before we get back to where we stopped last week let me remind you of how the Hebrews viewed Moses.

I want to show you how the religious leaders responded to the man who had been healed of his blindness by Jesus.

John 9:26-29

²⁶ *Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?*

²⁷ *He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?*

²⁸ *Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.*

²⁹ *We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.*

The Jews of Jesus' day saw themselves as disciples of Moses so we can understand that these people exalted Moses in their minds; So for the writer to use Moses as an example of walking by faith would have been something which his readers could have truly grasped onto for they knew about the life of Moses.

I want to quickly review what we have seen in the life of Moses so far.

1. **By faith Moses rejected the world in order to advance the cause of the Messiah.**

Notice Hebrews 11:24-26

Moses chose a life of affliction over a life of ease. Moses rejected the world so that he could serve God. This was a step into a life of difficulties which was fully known to Moses.

2 Timothy 3:12

¹² *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

Moses trusted in the very same promise which Paul trusted in.

Philippians 4:19

¹⁹ *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

2. By Faith Moses persevered as he stood before Pharaoh.

Notice Hebrews 11:27

Last week we looked at how Moses was not intimidated as he stood before the most powerful man in the world. He believed that God would be TRUE to His Word when God said He would bring Israel out of Egypt. Therefore, no matter what Pharaoh said to Moses he refused to be discouraged and he refused to give up. He did what God commanded him to do and he patiently waited upon God's timing to deliver Israel.

This brings us to where we are tonight in our study and in the next 2 verses we shall see 2 very important lessons for our own personal lives.

I. The Examples of Faith

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A. The Faith of Moses

Part 3

1. Faith rests in the PROVISIONS and the PROTECTION of God.

Notice Hebrews 11:28

The writer of Hebrews now points to Exodus 12 and the Passover.

Exodus 12:1-7, 12, 13

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying,

² *This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.*

³ *Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:*

⁴ *And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.*

⁵ *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:*

⁶ *And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.*

⁷ *And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.*

¹² *For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.*

¹³ *And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.*

Now let me show you what Moses did with this command.

Exodus 12:21-23

²¹ *Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.*

²² *And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.*

²³ *For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.*

God gave the command to Moses and Moses then passed it directly to the elders of Israel. Moses never questioned God. God explained that He would pass through the land of Egypt and all the first born would die. The ONLY means of salvation for Moses and the people of Israel was the application of the blood of the Passover Lamb on the door posts and the door lintels. On the 10th day of the month Moses and the people of Israel all chose a lamb. They kept it until the 14th day of the month and they then killed the lamb. They applied the blood to the doors and they RESTED in God's PROVISION of salvation that night.

Application:

This is a great reminder for you and me. Faith rests in God's provision for salvation which is the blood of the Lamb who is Jesus Christ. But faith is not to stop there. Faith is to continue to rest in God's PROVISION of LOVE demonstrated in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation and this then allows us to have rest and peace in the PROTECTION of God no matter what it is that we face.

Romans 8:31-34

³¹ *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

³² *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

³³ *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

³⁴ *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

God's love for us was manifest on the cross and we need to understand that His love for us never changes. It is an UNCONDITIONAL love therefore there is nothing we can do to make God love us less. He has given to us the Holy Spirit as a down payment to affirm that we are His and He is coming back to gather us and take us home.

Philippians 1:6

⁶ *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

We belong to God and He is working within us every single day. So since we belong to Him and we are loved with an everlasting love what is it that we need to fear? If God be for us who can be against us? With all of this said we can REST in His PROVISION and His PROTECTION.

2. Faith believes in the PROMISES of God.

Notice Hebrews 11:29

Now the writer of Hebrews takes us to the crossing of the Red Sea. After the 10th plague in Egypt which was the death of the first born Pharaoh sent Israel away. It was not long however that pharaoh decided to pursue Israel and slaughter the entire company of Israelites.

Exodus 14:9-14

⁹ *But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon.*

¹⁰ *And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.*

¹¹ *And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?*

¹² *Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.*

¹³ *And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.*

¹⁴ *The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.*

As the people feared Moses gave them 3 commands.

1. **Fear not.**
2. **Stand still.**
3. **See the salvation of the Lord.**

Exodus 14:15, 16, 21-29

¹⁵ *And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:*

¹⁶ **But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.**

²¹ *And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.*

²² And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

²³ And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

²⁴ And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

²⁵ And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

²⁶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

²⁷ And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

²⁸ And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

²⁹ But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

We do not understand how much faith was needed to cross the Red Sea. They had to walk between 2 walls of water unable to see the hand of God which held the water back. But Moses never hesitated for God had promised that Israel would pass THROUGH on dry ground. Moses did not fear that the waters would come crashing in upon them for by faith he trusted in God's promise.

Application:

There are times when you and I must PASS THROUGH some very frightening times. It is in those times that fear can set in because we fear that what we are passing through may collapse upon us. This is where faith in the PROMISES of God is needed.

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

Isaiah 43:1-3a

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

² *When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*

³ *For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:*

Conclusion:

Faith is truly the key to the Christian life. Faith allows us to reject the world. Faith allows us to accept a life of trials and persecution because we have chosen to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Faith trusts in the provisions and the protection of God and finds rest in the two. Faith believes in the promises of God and refuses to fear the difficult circumstances of life.