

# JOCHABED A PORTRAIT OF A GODLY MOTHER EXODUS 2:1-10

Text:

Introduction:

In this passage, we are introduced to a woman named Jochebed. She stands out as one of the greatest mothers revealed in the pages of Scripture. Her selfless love and sacrifice made possible the exodus of God's people from Egypt and literally changed the course of history. It would do us well this morning to look at the life of this great mother. As we do, we find characteristics that stand as reminders to all of our mothers teaching them what they should be as well. Yet, please do not think that I am speaking only to moms today. In this passage about this woman Jochebed, there are lessons that speak to every person here, whether they be male or female, young or old, saved or lost. God has a word for you this morning. Join me as we look together at Jochebed: A Portrait Of A Godly Mother.

# **1. HER CREDENTIALS (VS 1)**

Exodus 2:1

And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

## **A. Devotion to the Lord.**

1. Eventually would come the priest to carry out the functions at the Tabernacle, and Temple.

2. She and her husband were devoted to the Lord, willing to obey God instead of the wicked command of Pharaoh.

## **B. Desire for her child.**

1. Salvation

2. Serve the Lord

# **2. HER COURAGE (VS 2)**

Exodus 2:2

And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

## **A. The decree of Pharaoh**

## Exodus 1:15-22

And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: 16And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. 17But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. 18And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? 19And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. 20Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. 21And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses. 22And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

### B. The determination of Jochabed

- God give us parents who are not afraid to take a stand for that which is right in these dark, sinful, wicked days.

- Parents who are willing to say, "Enough is enough, my child is going to learn the way of the Lord!"
- People who will declare the same thing Joshua declared for His family, Josh. 24:15.

#### Interesting Note:

It is interesting to note that in our day; often the young people have more of a heart for God and His business than do their parents. It is a blessing when young folks live for God, but it is the parents who ought to set the example in courage and godliness for those who are following behind!

#### Illustration:

Once a little boy asked his father what a Christian was. For a long time, the father sat with the son explaining in great detail exactly what a Christian was supposed to be. When he was finished, he felt like he had done a pretty good job of describing a Christian, as well as himself. His illusions, however, were shattered when his son asked, "Dad, have I ever met one?"

### **3. HER CONFIDENCE (FAITH) (VSS 3, 9-10)**

Exodus 2:3

And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

Exodus 2:9-10

And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. 10And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

Her faith was so strong that she was named, along with her husband, to God's Hall of the Faithful in Hebrews 11:23.

Hebrews 11:23

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

She needed this kind of faith to accomplish what she did for the Lord and for her son. She needed faith to:

## A. Resist the world.

- The world was crying out for the death of her son, but this mother stood strong in the face of this attack and placed her son above the will of the world!
- The world demands that parents hand over their children and allow them to be trained and taught the ways of the world. But, our children need and deserve better than that! We need some parents who will teach their children the ways of God and steer them clear of the world and its devises.
- It takes faith to go against the grain and raise your children for the Lord, but God will bless you, and them, for it!

## B. Release of the child

- It took faith to place the child in the river. This was the same instrument which was being used to destroy the other babies, Ex. 1:22.

Exodus 1:22

And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

It took faith for this mother to take her hands off the life of this child and leave him to the will of God.

C. Raise the child (vss 9-10)

#### **4. WE SEE HER CHARITY (VSS 9-10)**

A. She gave of herself (2-3, 9-10)

B. She gave her son (vss 10)

- She gave her son to the Lord for her nation.
- God gave His Son to the World for salvation

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2 Cor. 5:15

And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

#### **5. WE SEE HER COMPENSATION**

A. Her son became a great man of God delivering the nation from the bondage of Egypt.

Note:

Parents, you never know who you are raising! III.  
Hannah, Mary! Therefore, give them the best you have while you have them and turn out God fearing, God following young men and women who will live for the glory of the Lord! Young adults whom God can use for His glory out into the future. Young people who will instill that same values in their children that you have placed in them.