

Series: Life of Moses

JOURNEY TO THE PALACE

EXODUS 2:1-10

Text:

Introduction:

The main theme of Exodus 2:23-25 is the Providence of God... God Knew – and He still does! He heard the cry and groans of His people, He cared about their suffering, and He knew just how to deliver them.

In Ex. 2:1-10, we see

- A Parent's Faith:

A young couple married in the midst of such oppression and decided to have children. Jachobed released her son by faith (in the handmade ark) and was blessed with his return for several years.

She was able to rear Him as a follower of God and get paid for it, too.

Skeptics question Christian families for bringing little children into such a spiritually hostile environment, but nothing is too hard for the Lord.

Certainly this day offers special challenges to Christian parents who seek to bring their children up in the ways of God, but there remains nothing more rewarding than parenting a child who walks in truth.

- God knows how to deliver our children from the hand of the enemy.

Forty years later, we are shown

- A Prophet's Failure (Ex. 2:11-15)

Moses had it in his heart to deliver his people (Acts 7:23-25), but he operated by sight instead of faith, in his time instead of God's. Have you ever had a burden to serve and help others, so you jumped in and made a mess of things? I have – many times. Good intentions aren't enough – we need God (Phil. 2:13). *God knows how to deliver us for our failures for His glory!

This was all

- Preparation for the Future (Ex. 2:16-22)

Moses ran to Midian to get away from Pharaoh, but God was taking Him there to go to school. He would learn a new style of leadership (shepherding) as well as the lay of the land (where he would lead a wandering people for 40 years).

If you feel like you're on the back side of the desert, far from your calling, it's likely you're in a place of preparation. (Don't forget that forty years is a long time to us, but not with God – He had been working on this timetable for 400 years. Be patient.)

- God knows how to deliver his people from their bondage.

During the time of the Egyptian bondage, the Jews suffered 400 years of trials and difficulties. One of the most reprehensible acts committed by the Pharaoh was his command that the Jewish midwives kill the male babies as they were born.

Into this wicked environment Moses was born.

We will look closer this morning at the first 10 verses of this chapter.

Notice:

1. THE PROTECTION OF JOCHABED (VS. 1-5)

Exodus 2:1-5

¹ And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. 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. 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. ⁴ And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. ⁵ And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

A. From the Threat of Evil

Jochabed hid Moses from the evil influence that threatened him.

Hebrews 11:23

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.

The faith of this couple gave them the courage to do what was right not what was convenient or advantageous for them.

This was at the height of Pharaoh's campaign to destroy every male baby in Egypt. They put their own lives in harm's way to preserve the son's life.

B. From Attacks of Satan

Satan's purpose was to destroy the entire nation of Israel. He was doing it by attacking the family. If all the male children were killed off that would eliminate the future generations.

So Satan is trying to destroy the Christian family.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

How to protect your children:

- Set Boundaries

God has vested authority into His institutions.

Standards are not meant to rob joy; they are meant to protect.

- Give Warning

Quote—"Strictness does not ruin children; harshness ruins children."

- Set an Example

2 Timothy 1:5

⁵When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

- Be Wise to that Which is Good

Romans 16:19

¹⁹For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

- Teach the Word of God

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

⁶And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: ⁷And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

- Practice Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:32

³² And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Notice not only the Protection of Jochabed but also:

2. THE PROVISION OF THE LORD (VS. 5-9)

Exodus 2:5-9

⁵ And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. ⁶ And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. ⁷ Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. ⁹ 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.

A. He Provided a Place for Moses

By the grace of God, He brings Moses to the palace.

B. He Provides Principles For Us

Ephesians 6:4

⁴ And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

- Nurture – Discipline
- Admonition – Teaching

3. THE PURPOSE OF MOSES

Hebrews 11:24-26

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; ²⁵ Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; ²⁶ Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

A. To Identify With God's People

He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

Note – Moses grew up to be a man who purposed to identify with God and His people.

Note – Parents need to become concerned when a child is bent on acceptance from a peer or world system.

B. To Separate From Sin

Hebrews 11:25

²⁵ *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*

Illustration:

A little boy was traveling with his mother over the holidays. As they approached the airline ticket counter the little guy informed the agent that he was two years old. Suspiciously, the agent looked down at the boy and asked, "Do you know what happens to little boys who lie?" The young traveler smiled, "Yep, they get to fly for half price!"

C. To Wait on God's Reward

Hebrews 11:26

²⁶ *Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

Close:

The greatest way to provide for your family is to pray that each one would know Jesus as their Saviour.

To Protect, Provide and to Give Purpose.