

Series: Life of Moses

THE WELL OF PREPARATION

EXODUS 2:11-15

Text:

Introduction:

We have a dehydrated Christianity today. Dryness has overtaken most. So we must draw water out of the Lord's well.

We began last week looking at how God preserved the life of Moses as a baby and blessed his parents because of their fear and faith in Him.

This morning we will consider God prepared him for what God had in store for him to do.

Remember:

When God calls God equips and when God guides He will always provide.

Note how God prepares Moses:

1. THE AWARENESS THE EMBRACED HIM (vs. 11-12)

Exodus 2:11-12

¹¹ *And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and **looked on their burdens**: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. ¹² And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.*

Note:

A. He Recognized the Burden – he looked on their burdens

Often God prepares us for the task by helping us to see the burden.

Note Jeremiah:

Lamentations 3:51

⁵¹ *Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.*

B. He Reacted to Their Treatment – An Egyptian smote a Hebrew and Moses killed him

Moses was embraced by his awareness of His people.

We are not told when Moses knew they were his people.

But somehow he knew that these were his people.

Not only did Moses Recognize and React but note:

C. He Returned to Investigate

Exodus 2:13

¹³ *And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?*

- His Interest

- His Interference

He breaks up a fight between two Hebrews

- His Insecurity

When questioned he figured that everyone must have known what he had done the day before.

He then panicked and took off.

Note not only the “Awareness That Embraced Him” but also:

2. THE ADVERSARY THAT ENDANGERED HIM - VS. 15A

Exodus 2:15

¹⁵ *Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.*

Note:

A. The Closeness of the Enemy

- This enemy had once been his adopted Family.
- This enemy had once been his Friend.
- This enemy was common to Him.
- But he chose to turn on the enemy, and the enemy desired to defeat him.

The awareness of this kinship embraced him to the point he cared!

B. The Chasing by the Enemy – It always seems that no matter how hard we try, there seems to be an enemy pursuing us

Note some of the things that seek to defeat us:

- Complacency of our Wills - “comfort zone”
- Complaining of our Flesh
- Conditions of Life
- Corruption of the World

All of these seek to defeat us.

Note not only The Awareness That Embraced Him and the Enemy That Endangered Him but also:

3. THE ABODE THAT EQUIPPED HIM – VS. 15

Exodus 2:15

¹⁵ *Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and **he sat down by a well.***

Note:

A. The Separation

We know the story of Moses, and how he was chosen to be the deliverer of Israel. And his preparation began at a well!

Note not only the Separation but also:

B. The Supply

- The Place – Midian

The name Midian means a place of strife

Note

He didn't run to a place of comfort – but rather to the desert

He didn't rest in a place of comfort

Note also not only the place but also:

- The Provision – a well

In the midst of his running, no doubt weary - God led him to a well!

Not only do we see his separation, and supply but note also:

C. His School

Sometimes before God does something great with us, he will lead us to a well, and maybe into a wilderness.

Exodus 3:1-5

¹ Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. ⁴ And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. ⁵ And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

But it was there that Moses saw:

- The Appearance of God's Power – A Burning Bush

Remember:

The Fire of God does not consume us, but will continue us!

Not only did Moses see The Appearance of God's Power but also he saw:

- The Awe of God's Presence – take off your shoes

We must remember that God is holy and we should never approach Him or worship Him in an unholy way.

He not only saw the Appearance of God Power and The Awe of God's Presence but also he saw:

- The Awareness of God's Purpose

MOSES did not know it until then that he was going to be used to deliver the people of Israel out of Egypt toward the Promise Land.

Remember:

We may not know all that God is teaching us but remember God is always preparing us for what He wants us to do.

Close:

Moses in his conflict found a well.

The place of this well was where the Lord would prepare Moses for his next phase in life!

I don't know where the Lord may have led you but remember He is preparing you for the next step of phase of life.