

## **Long Hill Baptist Church | Message Outline**

Date: November 20, 2011 (AM)

Text: Hebrews 11:23-26

Title: *The Hall of Faith: The Accomplishments of Faith in the Life of Moses*

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What was accomplished in the life of Moses through faith?

Protection of God → Preparation of God → Use of God in His Program

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*A picture of his salvation*

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### **Speaker Notes:**

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(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.

Why? Pharaoh had commanded that Hebrew sons be cast into the River (because the Egyptians were concerned they were growing too strong in their numbers) (and because the midwives had failed to kill them as he had commanded)

**CF Ex 1:11 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.**

**Let's see the account in Exodus 2**

CF Exodus 2 <sup>1</sup>And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

<sup>2</sup>And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly (good, pleasant, agreeable) child, she hid him three months.

<sup>3</sup>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.

**Observe: Moses's mother trusted in the LORD, but she took the initiative to do all that she could** do in order to protect her son. She didn't just sit back and do nothing – hoping that the LORD would work everything out. She put her faith into action. She trusted that the LORD would bless her efforts – and work in her efforts to protect her son

<sup>4</sup>And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

<sup>5</sup>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

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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?

<sup>8</sup>And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

<sup>9</sup>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 women took the child, and nursed it.

- What a blessing for Moses's mother! How difficult it must have been to place Moses in the basket and then the river. Moses could have easily been found and killed! *How's they handle that?*

#### A. **By faith, Moses' Parent were "not afraid" of Pharaoh**

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- Do you realize that the Bible teaches believers to fear just one thing? That one thing is the LORD himself! In Proverbs 9:10, the LORD inspired Solomon to write, "The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom..."
- The simple truth is that a believer who has developed a Biblical fear of the LORD has nothing else to fear.
- More than 50 times throughout His Word, God has told his people to "fear not." Why? Our sin nature tends lead us to worry – to suffer anxiety. But anxiety is not part of God's plan for us.
- In Timothy 1:6-7, Paul reminds us that "... God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Praise God that the Bible gives us God's own plan for overcoming fear and anxiety.

***Faith is the key to overcoming anxiety.***

## Point 2. **V.24-26 (God's PREPARATION) By Faith, Moses Separated from Ungodliness**

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The Lord prepared Moses for service by separating him from the ungodliness that he had grown up with – having been raised a son of Pharaoh's daughter

CF (Acts 7:22) "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds."

Moses had all the advantages and wealth of a member of Pharaoh's family. But, having lived with them, he had lived with their false religious system.

CF (Acts 7:23) "And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel."

### **A. By Faith, Moses refused to be called an Egyptian**

<sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

- He refused to be known as a man of the world
- He refused to be identified with the false system of Egypt
- He refused to be associated with the people of Egypt

### **B. Instead, By Faith, Moses chose suffering with the people of God rather than pleasure of sin**

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

- At that time, the Jewish people were suffering great affliction – and misery – they had become slaves in Egypt
- Yet, Moses' heart was turned to them
- And he "chose" to turn away from the people of Egypt (and all their pleasurable sin) – and to trade that in for the people of God and the suffering that God's people are called to
- APPLICATION: We need to do that same!

### **C. By faith, Moses valued Christ over the world**

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

- The world has great **reproach** for believers
  - To charge with a fault in severe language.
  - To treat with scorn or contempt
  - This is what the world had for Christ
- Moses ESTEEMED (consider – idea of leading, also) whatever clinging to the LORD and His people brought whatever the world could offer
  - IN fact, he saw this as “greater than the treasure of Egypt”
- “Moses had respect unto the recompense of the reward”
  - Moses understood and fixed his attention on the reward of being right with the LORD over whatever reward the world can offer
  - “respect” to turn the eyes away from other things and fix them on some one thing; to look at attentively; to look with steadfast mental gaze

Get the picture –Moses was able to give up a life of sinful pleasure, in part, because he chose to move his attention and his eyes from those things – choosing instead to focus on the greater rewards of walking with Christ!

#### **2 Corinthians 6:17**

Wherefore **come out from among them**, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

### **Point 3. V. 27 (God's PROGRAM) By Faith, Moses Forsook Egypt**

**He didn't temporarily separate from the pleasure of sin. He forsook the place of sin completely.**

<sup>27</sup>By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

*A picture of his service*

- A. "By Faith he forsook Egypt"
- B. "Not fearing"
- C. "He endured" (hapax l.) – he was steadfast, patient
- D. "Seeing him who is invisible" – as we saw in the last verse, Moses' hadn't only turned his eyes from wordly rewards to heavenly rewards – he turned his eyes to the the God of heaven!

### **Illustration: Pilgrims**

This morning will celebrate Thanksgiving

In **September 1620** -- 391 years ago this Fall -- the Mayflower launched from Holland with 102 passengers + crew and at least two dogs.

With the crowding of **102 passengers** plus crew, each family was allotted very little space.

The **66-day voyage** was frequently **stormy**. At one point, a main beam cracked and had to be repaired using a large iron screw

After arriving in Massachusetts, the Pilgrims faces a **harsh winter** that took **roughly half of their lives**.

**Why** did they put themselves through all of this hardship? They Holland – and before that England, because they could not continue in the **errors of the Church of England**. They sought to find a place where they could live and worship in accordance with the Bible as they understood it. **They prioritized separation from error!**

During the spring **and summer of 1621**, the survivors pressed on—building relationships with the local Indians – and **planting and harvesting** a variety of crops.

In order to celebrate their gratitude to God, **In December 1621, the Pilgrims declared a three-day feast of Thanksgiving** in December 1621. Ninety Wampanoag Indians joined the fifty remaining Pilgrims for three days of feasting on shellfish, lobsters, turkey, cornbread, berries, deer, and other native foods. And they engaged in much **prayer**.

### **Application**

- The pilgrims endured hardship to separate from error and wordliness (as they understood it). They forsook England and Holland. And despite great difficulty, the LORD enabled them to be established in this country.
- Moses separated from error. He forsook Egypt – and all the worldly pleasure that he had known. And despite all the difficulty, the Lord eventually used Moses to lead God’s people to the doorway of the Promised Land.
- This morning, some of us need to separate from wordliness too.

### **2 Corinthians 6:17**

Wherefore **come out from among them**, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

- The Lord promises blesses to his people in our obedience. This morning, we thank him for his blessings. That’s what our dinner is about.
- Before we go downstairs, I want to give you an opportunity ask the LORD to help you separate from whatever the Holy Spirit is laying upon your heart. Separate and forsake.

## Summary

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## Gospel

In 1 Cor 15:1-4 Paul succinctly describes the gospel message: "... I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you ... By which also ye are saved .. ... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins accord-ing to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures..." (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

According to the Bible, without the gospel message, our only hope is hell. The Bible says that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," (Rom. 3:23). The Bible also describes the consequences of our sin: "... the wages of sin is death..." (Rom 3:9).

The Bible says in Rom. 5:8 that salvation is possible only because "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," (Rom. 5:8).

However, salvation remains only a possibility until we repent and place our faith in Christ alone. In John 3:7 Jesus said, "Ye must be born again," (John 3:7).

If you have never made a decision to both turn away from sin and to receive Jesus Christ as your savior, I urge you to do so today. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," (Rom.10:13). []