

Moses Choice

- *By faith Moses, when he became of age, 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 passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. Heb. 11:24-26*
- Moses lived in a world much like ours.
- He had it all: Wealth, Power, Security, Comfort
- He made his choice: Share ill treatment
- WHY???? He looked to the Reward

The Extent of that Choice

- It was not a one time choice, but one that needed to be made day by day.
- While everyone else “*in their hearts they turned back to Egypt*” Acts 7:39
- *Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. & I speak with him face to face, Num 12:7-8*
- Moses left the most & remained the most faithful.
- *esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward*

Greater Riches

- Nothing has changed ...
- We must make that same Choice.
- We must be faithful in all God's house.
- We must decide:
- *Does the reproach of Christ have greater riches than all the treasures of America?*
- What reward do we gain by giving it up?
- What would we lose if we went back?

The Most Fundamental Reason

- *These all died in faith, not having received **the promises**, but having **seen them** afar off were **assured of them**, and **confessed** that they were **strangers and pilgrims on the earth**. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they **seek a homeland**. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But **now they desire a better**, that is, **a heavenly country**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for **He has prepared a city for them**. Heb 11:13-16*

Paul's "Recompense of Reward"

- in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, Titus 1:2
- if, by any means, I **may attain to the resurrection from the dead**. 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but **I press on, that I may lay hold** of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for **the prize of the upward call** of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, **have this mind**; Phil. 3:11-15

What are our Reasons?

- *always ready to give a defense (answer) to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, 1Pet. 3:15*
- The more reasons we have ... the more defenses we can give.
- Sometimes, it is not to others, but to ourselves
- *cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. Mk 4:19*
- *choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. Lk 8:14*

Rest for Our Souls

- *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Mt 11:28-30*
- When discouraged and blue, we can lean on the foundation of the comfort and success the Lord offers.
- *I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. Jn 10:10*

An Ally in Times of Need

- *For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him. 7 You are my hiding place; you shall preserve me from trouble; you shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah Ps. 32:6-7*
- *The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; he also will hear their cry and save them. 20 The LORD preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever. Ps. 145:18-21*

Gratitude: Integrity & Honor

- God has created and given us this creation.
- We owe Him a debt of gratitude.
- Even if there were no reward...
- It is the right thing for those with a sense of honor and integrity to serve and obey Him
- *He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God*
Mic. 6:8
- I am not taking something for nothing.
- Living life in gratitude to Him who made it all possible.

It is the Logical Decision

- Everlasting power and Divinity – This Creation
- 100's of Prophecies of the Old Testament
- His miracles of healing and acts of power.
- The Resurrection from the Dead
- Eyewitnesses – Nothing to gain /Everything to lose
- *The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. Ps 19:1-4*

Offers Wisdom, Insight & Success

- *The law of the Lord is **perfect**, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is **sure**, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the Lord are **right**, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is **pure**, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the Lord is **clean**, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are **true and righteous** altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward. [Ps 19:7-11](#)*

In Times of Disaster: We have an Ally

- A terrible accident – Friends in hospital
- Grave illness. Father – not expected to live.
- Those we love in dire circumstances.
- As faithful servants God will hear our prayer.
- *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:6-7*
- *casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. I Pet 5:7*

The Future is Bright

- When the world unravels for others – we are secure
- As life draws to a close – we are looking beyond.
- Renewed day by day by day...
- *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2Cor 4:16-18*

We are Never Alone

- When unexpected tragedies fall upon us.
- We have a group of honorable, just and generous people who will always care and be there for us.
- *'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' ... as you did it to one of My brethren, you did it to Me.* Mt 25:34-40
- *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.* Gal 6:2

Growing & Developing into our Best

- Mentally, emotionally, and intellectually strong
- *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Gal 5:22-25*
- *Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things. Phil 4:8-9*

The Joyful Hope of the Future

- *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 1 John 3:1-3*
- *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Phil 3:20-21*

All Glory, Praise & Honor goes to God

• *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. Rom 11:33-36*

• *11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." Rev 4:11*