

## Hebrews 11:27-29

Once again we are confronted with the faith of Moses. Moses' faith in the LORD is exhibited in the events in Egypt around his confrontation with Pharaoh, his trust in the commands of the Passover and the blood of the Lamb, and the leaving of Egypt through the miraculous events of the Red Sea. One of the major components of faith - "the evidence of things not seen" - is once again mentioned in this passage - "seeing him who is invisible." See also vs. 7, "things not seen"; 11:8; 11:10.

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

"...forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath..."

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| <b>FAITH REJECTS THE WORLD</b> |
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**Fear can be a debilitating emotion:**

"Fear is to Satan; what Faith is to God; Faith does God's work; Fear does Satan's work."

Abraham made wrong choices because of fear - Genesis 12:10-13; 20:1-2, 10-11

- 10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.
- 11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:
- 12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.
- 13 Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.
- 1 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.
- 2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.
- 10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?
- 11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

Ten of the spies gave a negative report because of fear - Numbers 13:32-33

Gideon's army was afraid and so God discharged 22,000 - Judges 7:3

Peter denied the Lord three times because of fear - John 18:17,25,27

Moses feared the people and Pharaoh - Exodus 2:13-15

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?

And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

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.

**Faith can overcome fear:**

Moses confronts Pharaoh - Exodus 5:1-2

And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.

Moses confronts the people - Exodus 6:2-4, 6-9

And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD:

And I appeared unto **Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob**, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

And I have also established **my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan**, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

And **I will bring you in unto the land**, concerning the **which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob**; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.

And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

The people feared Pharaoh's armies but Moses' trust in the Lord produced no fear in him - Ex. 14:9-14.

But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon.

And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

**"...he endured, as seeing him who is invisible..."**

Moses "saw" God in the different experiences he had with God.

In the burning bush - Exodus 3:1-6; On Mount Sinai - Exodus 19:18-21

It is important to note that these amazing experiences of Moses took place after he forsook Egypt.

When we have been saved we have had a personal, life-transforming encounter with God.

As we daily walk with God we will continue to "see" Him working in our lives.

We, too, endure, recognizing ("seeing him") how God providentially intervenes in our lives.

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| 1 John 4:16-18 | 16 | And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. |
|                | 17 | Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.           |
|                | 18 | There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.    |

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

"Walk by faith" 2 Cor. 5:7; "shield of faith" Eph. 6:16; faith comes from the word of God - Rom. 10:17

Psalm 56:3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

Dr John MacArthur when asked how a believer should handle fear remarked that there are two causes of fear basically. One is a guilty conscience. The other is a lack of trust. Two things cause fear: sin in your life that you haven't dealt with (then you feel you have a right to being punished and so you're afraid it's going to come) (click OT illustration) or secondly, you're afraid because you don't think God can handle your situation. You're afraid you're going to die, you're afraid you're going to get sick, you're afraid your kids are going to get hurt, you're afraid the roof's going to fall in, you're afraid the demons are going to get you... Whatever it is, it comes from two things. Number one, you have a guilty conscience. Number two, a lack of faith. Now, you can deal with both of those. A guilty conscience: confess your sin and get it all cleaned out. A lack of faith: get your Bible open and read what God says about Himself and learn to trust Him... And pray.

**28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.**

**FAITH TRUSTS IN GOD'S PROVISION**

Exodus 12:12-13 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.  
And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

The Passover is a picture of God's provision for our salvation through the blood of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver And gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;  
But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

God's provision for:

Salvation - Romans 10:  
9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.  
10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.  
11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.  
12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.  
13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Living - But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.  
Phil. 4:19

Let your conversation [style of life] be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.  
Hebrew 13:5

**29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.**

**FAITH ACTS ON GOD'S PROMISES**

Notice, the emphasis shifts from Moses to the people of Israel and it is the Lord that protects and provides. Godly leadership can inspire many.

Exodus 14:13-15; 19-23; 26-31

- 13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.
- 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.
- 15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:
- 19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:
- 20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.
- 21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.
- 22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.
- 23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.
- 26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.
- 27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.
- 28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.
- 29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.
- 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.
- 31 **And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.** (Bold added)

Faith embraces two aspects: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

1. The basis of faith - the Word of God
2. The evidence of faith - the actions of our lives to God's word.

The Israelites heard the promise of God in the Passover command of Exodus 12.

They experienced God's deliverance when they applied the blood of the Lamb to the door post - they obeyed.

In the midst of fear (Exodus 14:10), they obeyed the word of God (the command of Moses) and were saved from the armies of Pharaoh.

When we accepted the gospel (the word of God about salvation) we experienced God's work in our lives.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

In our daily walk with God we experience God's work in our lives.

- 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.