

# “MOSES”

**Text:** Hebrews 11:23-29  
**Subject:** The Power Of Right Choices

## **Introduction**

(Isn't this verse a ruling principle of life for all believers?)

“By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season”. (Hebrews 11: 24, 25)

**Fact:** Moses teaches us one of life's most valuable lessons: **(What is it?)**

- ◆ That when we say “Yes” to God, we must equally say “No” to something else!

### **(Moses Teaches Us All That)**

- ◆ If we would live separated to the Lord, we must live separated from the world.
- ◆ If we would live for what is eternal, we must live above what is temporal.
- ◆ If we would live with the blessing of God, we must renounce the approval of the world.
- ◆ If we would say “Yes” to all that God expects, we must say “No” to every lesser thing.

### **Life's 4 Great Tests**

**(That will allow us to enjoy a blessed Christian life)**

#### **I. The Position Test (V. 24)**

“By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter” (v. 24)

**Fact:** Moses was the adopted son of the princess.

**Fact:** Moses was educated and skillful.

**Fact:** Moses was privileged with great opportunity.

**Fact:** Moses was a ruler with a government position.

#### **(Stephen Said:)**

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

#### **(It Would Be Easy To Stay In Egypt – After All)**

- ◆ Pharaoh's daughter had saved his life.
- ◆ Moses was the only Jew not enslaved.
- ◆ Jethro's daughters thought Moses was an Egyptian. (Exodus 2:19)

#### **(But Moses Refused)**

- #1. Moses knew that God had a plan outside of the palace life.
- #2. Moses knew that he was to identify with Israel (God's people).
- #3. Moses knew that his decision would seem foolish to those around him.
- #4. Moses knew he was going from ruler to servant with his decision to say “No”.

**(Moses Chose To Say “No” To:)**

- ◆ More luxury
- ◆ Personal advancement
- ◆ Higher Rank
- ◆ Earthly advantages

## II. The Pleasure Test: (V. 25)

“Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season” (v. 25)

**(Moses Had 2 Choices)**

- #1. A life of ease, affluence and pleasure in Egypt (or)
- #2. A life of trial and hardship with the people of God.

**(In Other Words)**

“Will I live for the immediate?” (or) Will I live for the eternal?”

**(In Plain Vanilla)**

- #1. “Will I live my life for that which is passing?” (or)
- #2. “Will I live my life for that which is permanent?”

**Fact:** (V. 25) doesn't mean there isn't pleasure in serving God.

**Fact:** The “pleasures of sin for a sin” that Moses refused were:

- #1. Those pursuits prohibited by God.
- #2. Those pursuits that would convict the conscience.
- #3. Those pursuits that diminish spiritual sensitivity.
- #4. Those pursuits that retard our spiritual progress.

**(What Did Moses Do?)**

**He said what we must say this hour:**

“No Thank You” to the pleasures of sin!

“No Thank You” to moral compromise!

“No Thank You” to every joy stealer!

“No Thank You” to sensual gratifications!

“No Thank You” to those little foxes!

## III. The Promises Test (V. 26)

“Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward”. (v. 26)

**Fact:** Egypt promised Moses prestige, power, pennies & position.

**(Americas 4 Great Destroying Sins)**

- #1. **Greed** (That inordinate desire for more; that excessive hunger to possess)
- #2. **Power** (That lust to maintain control over other people and manipulate for personal gain)
- #3. **Fame** (That longing to be popular and impress other people)
- #4. **Pleasure** (That desire to fulfill sensual desires, and be satisfied at any cost. It's motto is, “If it feels good do it”)

**(Why Did Moses Make Right Decisions?)**

**He Knew 3 Things:**

- #1. Life is built on character,
- #2. Character is built on decisions,

- #3. Decisions are built on values.
- #4. Values are built on Faith In the Word of God

**Question:** (How did Moses make right decisions, and how can we as well?)

**Answer:** “Esteeming the reproach of Christ’s greater riches” (v. 26)

**Fact:** The word “esteem” in (v. 26) means: #1. “To Reckon” #2. “To Evaluate”

### (In Other Words)

#1. Moses said “No” to Egypt’s promises because he evaluated correctly.

#2. Moses said “No” to the treasures of Egypt because his spiritual values were in order.

**Fact:** The people of God were of more value than the treasures of Egypt.

**Fact:** The reproach for Christ was of more value than the fame of Egypt.

**Fact:** The eternal promises were more valuable than the temporary promises.

### Why No Regrets?)

“...For he had respect unto the recompense of the reward” (V. 26) (Which means:)

#1. Moses kept his eyes on the future!

#2. Moses kept his focus on the end!

#3. Moses kept his sights on the city to come!

#4. Moses kept his values upon eternity (not the immediate).

#### IV. The Past Test: (Vs. 27-29)

“By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing him who is invisible”. (v. 27)

**Fact:** Israel (often) wanted to go back to Egypt.

**Fact:** Moses never (once) entertained such a thought. (Why not?)

#### “He Endured As seeing Him Who Is Invisible” (v. 27)

#1. Moses looked past Pharaoh and saw the Lord.

#2. Moses looked past Pharaoh’s power to God’s power.

#3. Moses looked past Pharaoh’s plan to God’s plan.

**Fact:** The key to survival in every test is your perspective and your attitude.

### (And Moses Was Victorious)

#1. Over The Enemy’s Fury (V. 27)

“Not fearing the wrath (fury) of the king”

◆ Moses was not afraid, or intimidated by Pharaoh’s threats.

#2. Over The Enemy’s Bondage (V. 28)

“Through faith he kept the Passover”

◆ Pharaoh permitted no Jew to leave Egypt and worship God.

◆ But Moses defied Pharaoh and placed blood on the doorposts to escape death.

#3. Over The Enemy’s Army (V. 29)

“By faith they passed through the Red Sea by dry land; which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned”

**Fact:** Some of the Jews became frightened at the Red Sea.

**Fact:** Some of the Jews wanted to go back to Egypt at the Red Sea.

**(But Moses Knew What We Must Know)**

- #1. Faith will not only bring us out of Egypt, faith will also take us through every desert!
- #2. God who has begun a good work in you, will complete it in His perfect time!
- #3. The God who was victorious for Moses, is the same God who will be victorious for you!

**Question:** Are you living in the past? (Do you allow past regrets to paralyze you?)

**Question:** Do you allow past regrets to haunt you?

**Question:** Are you (now) between a rock and a hard place?

**Question:** Is there a Red Sea (obstacle or hurdle) that has you worried?

**(Listen To God's Advice At The Red Sea – Exodus 14)**

(V. 13) "Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord"

(V. 14) "The Lord shall fight for you and you shall hold your peace"

**(The Result?)**

(V. 29) "The Israelites walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea"

**(What A Lesson For Us All)**

- ◆ **"Fear Not"** (which means:) Do not be anxious over any danger or pain!
- ◆ **"Stand Still"** (which means in the Hebrew language),  
"Stand still before the Lord until you receive further orders from Him"
- ◆ **"See The Salvation Of The Lord"** (Which means:)  
"Concentrate on the Lord" (not your circumstances) and see what God will do!!!

**(Life Application)**

- #1. Faith that says "Yes" to God, must equally say "No" to every lesser thing!
- #2. Faith that says "Yes" to the will of God, will experience great testings along the way!
- #3. Faith that is willing to say "Yes" to God and "No" to Egypt, will see God reward those who chose to serve Him.
- #4. Faith allows you to see beyond every temptation from the devil!
- #5. Faith allows you to endure every hardship in the will of God!
- #6. Faith allows you to enjoy your lot in life regardless of what others possess!
- #7. Faith binds you to the Lord with glue that is inseparable no matter what comes your way in life.

**AMEN!**

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