**Moses in the Palace - Learning to Honor God**

**Text – Exodus 1:8--2:15**

*8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, “Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. 10 Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land.” 11 So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.13 The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously; 14 and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them.*

*15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other was named Puah; 16 and he said, “When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live. 18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?” 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife can get to them.” 20 So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty. 21 Because the midwives feared God, He established households for them. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive.”*

*The Birth of Moses*

*2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi.2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months.3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. 4 His sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him.*

*5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her.6 When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.” 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for you?” 8 Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go ahead.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. 9 Then Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him. 10 The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. And she named him Moses, and said, “Because I drew him out of the water.”*

*11 Now it came about in those days, when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.12 So he looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one around, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 He went out the next day, and behold, two Hebrews were fighting with each other; and he said to the offender, “Why are you striking your companion?” 14 But he said, “Who made you a prince or a judge over us? Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid and said, “Surely the matter has become known.”*

*Moses Escapes to Midian*

*15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well.*

**Overview**

As we travel through the life of Moses, we will learn that those who honor God will be honored by God.

Having received the best education available, Moses was being groomed for Egyptian royalty and would grow into a strong-willed and powerful man whom God would use mightily. The day came when Moses faced a crossroad, and at this crucial juncture, he chose to take his stand with his own people-the people of God.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

1. Understand that God honors those who honor Him.

2. Be willing to accept the opportunities God provides for personal growth and development.

3. Decide to take a stand for God and the people of God.

**Teaching Outline**

I. Preserved by God

* A. His parents honored God.
* B. His parents were honored by God.

II. Prepared for Royalty

* A. He was brought in by Pharaoh's daughter.
* B. He was brought up by the Egyptians.

III. Pulled to His People

* A. He was willing to leave the palace.
* B. He was willing to defend his people.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:13 -** *13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.*

**1 JOHN 4:4 -** *"You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."*

God's preservation of Moses certainly ought to teach believers today that no matter how dire the circumstances, we can put our full trust in our heavenly Father. Moses' persecution is not an isolated incident. In fact, the pages of Scripture are full of the biographies of those whom Satan wanted dead, but God chose to spare.

• Joseph was falsely accused, thrown in prison, and left to die a lonely death; yet the Lord delivered him and made him the second most powerful man on earth.

• Samson fell for Delilah's scheme, but God still allowed him to live long enough to hold the two middle pillars and pull down the Philistines' temple of Dagon, delivering the Israelites from the Philistines.

• Evil men tried to have Daniel killed by bringing him to the lions' den. God closed the mouths of the lions and saved Daniel's life.

• Paul faced much persecution, yet during his first imprisonment, he wrote four great epistles.

**Quote -** "Devout Christians are destined to be regarded as fools in modern society."-Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

**ROMANS 12:1-2 -** *"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*

**PSALM 127:3 -** *"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward."*

**HEBREWS 11:6, 23 -** *6 "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."*

*23 "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s edict."*

**JUDE 22**

*22 And of some have compassion, making a difference: (KJV)*

*22 And have mercy on some, who are doubting; (NASB)*

**PROVERBS 11:18 -** *18 "NASB The wicked earns deceptive wages, But he who sows righteousness gets a true reward."*

**REVELATION 22:12 - 12***“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."*

**Romans 11:33** **33**Oh, the depth of the riches, [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+11%3A33&version=NASB#fen-NASB-28231a)]both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

**PROVERBS 21:1 -** *"The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes."*

**ACTS 7:21-22 -** *"And after he had been set outside, Pharaoh’s daughter took him away and nurtured him as her own son. 22 Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds."*

**Acts 7:22 -** "Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds"

**1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20 -** *19 "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."*

**John 15:19 -** " ... Ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world ...°

**HEBREWS 11:24-27 -** *24 "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, 25choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen."*

**PHILIPPIANS 2:.4 -** *4 "do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."*

**Acts 10:38 - 38**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+10%3A38&version=NASB#fen-NASB-27289a)]*You know of* Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+10%3A38&version=NASB#fen-NASB-27289b)]and *how* He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him

**Proverbs 27:17 -** *As* iron sharpens iron, So one person sharpens another.

**Study Questions**

1. Describe God's intervention in the birth and survival of Moses.

2. For what purpose did Pharaoh's daughter have Moses educated by the Egyptians?

3. What prompted Moses to commit murder?

4. What was Pharaoh's reaction to Moses' killing the Egyptian?

5. In what miraculous ways has God intervened in your life, perhaps keeping you from serious harm or death?

6. What opportunities is God giving you now to learn and grow in your Christian life, and how are you taking advantage of them?

7. What opportunities has God given you lately to be a special help and encouragement to others?

8. Describe a time in your life that you considered a setback or a tragedy, but now you can see how God has used it to help you fulfill His will.

**Memory Verses**

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