Moses Had His Problems Too

Introduction: **Exodus 11.3** shows the greatness of Moses in the eyes of the Egyptian's, Pharaoh's servants, and the people. The divine description of Moses is given in **Numbers 12.3**. When Aaron and Miriam criticized Moses, God spoke up to defend him, **Numbers 12.6ff.** The divine expiate is given in **Deuteronomy 34.10-12**. We might forget the problems Moses faced and lessons learned from those problems.

**I) Moses' Problems**

**A) His people were discriminated against, Exodus 1.8-12.**

1. As Genesis ends, Jacob's family are welcome guest in Egypt.

2. But after roughly 400 years they were slaves and feared.

**B) Moses grew up in a corrupt environment, Exodus 2; Hebrews 11.24-27**

1. We don't know exactly what temptations Moses grew up facing.

2. Often idolatry involved immoral conduct.

3. Wealth provides many temptations, **Proverbs 30.7-9**

4. Moses was used to getting his way. **Acts 7.22.**

5. Often people get too involved, too important, too educated for the Gospel, **1 Cor. 1.18-21.**

**C) Moses became a fugitive, Acts 7.23-29.**

1. Had to run away in order to preserve his life.

2. In some countries Christians become fugitives.

**D) Lost everything**

1. He lost his station in life, part of Pharaoh's household.

2. Whatever material wealth he had was gone.

**E) Personal limitations, Exodus 4.10, 1**

1. How often I wish I was more eloquent and more fluid with words.

2. Temptation to let someone else, someone "Better" do the job.

**F) Family troubles, Exodus 4.24-26.**

1. Zippora was not a Jew and this was foreign with her.

2. His sons were not circumcised.

3. Aaron made the Golden Calf, **Exodus 32.21-24**.

4. Aaron and Miriam complained about Moses wife and his authority.

**G) Criticized by his people**

1. At the Red Sea

2. Wilderness of Sin, **Numbers 11.10-15**

**H) Faced real disappointment (not allowed in the Promise Land)**

**II) Some Lessons For Us Today**

**A) Serving God does not exempt us from problems.**

1. In fact serving God will make you different from the world and that brings problems.

2. Standing for the truth can be hard.

3. Some of the problems may even be caused by our brethren.

**B) Our problems are not a reason to stop serving God**

1. Cross bearing is part of being a Christian.

2. Jesus serves as our example of endurance. **Hebrews 12.3-4.**

**C) We can overcome our problems.**

1. Moses overcame a lot in his life, **Hebrews 11.24-27**

2. We have to have the right perspective, the right attitude, **Romans 8.18, 2 Corinthians 4.16-18.**

Conclusion: Everyone has problems but not everyone endures. *Michael Jordan: Most people wouldn't believe that a man often lauded as the best basketball player of all time was actually cut from his high school basketball team. Luckily, Jordan didn't let this setback stop him from playing the game and he has stated, "I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot, and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."* With God we can move mountains.