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Persevering Faith Chooses God Over the World

Forty-Five • Hebrews 11:23-28

Abraham and Sarah Illustrated How Persevering Faith... (11:8-19)

- **STEPS OUT** in Obedience When God Calls/Speaks. *(Promised Inheritance!)*
- **LIVES OUT** as Wanderers on This Earth. *(Promised Land!)*
- **REACHES OUT** for God's Ability to Do the Impossible. *(Promised Seed!)*
- **HOLDS OUT** for God's Promised Future Even in the Face of Death. *(Better Future!)*
- **RULES OUT** Compromise Even When Obedience is Deadly. *(Greater God & Better Resurrection!)*

Abraham's Family – His Fellow Heirs Illustrated How Persevering Faith... (11:20-22)

- **STANDS OUT** at the Finish Line of Death. *(Greater Blessings!)*

COMPARISON of ABRAHAM the WANDERER and MOSES the WEIGHER

PATRIARCHS: Abraham, Sarah, and His Fellow Heirs 11:8-22 // 15 verses // "Abraham" 10x in Hebrews	PROPHET-MEDIATOR: Moses 11:23-29 // 6 verses // "Moses" 11x in Hebrews
FAR-SIGHTED WANDERER <i>Patently Obeys God Even in Death!</i>	FAITHFUL WEIGHER <i>Courageously Chooses God Over the World!</i>
PERSEVERING FAITH TESTED <i>Obeys God Even When the Promised Future Is Unfulfilled in Death!</i>	PERSEVERING FAITH TESTED <i>Choose God Even When Doing So Is Costly in Life!</i>
DYING in FAITH <i>Keep on Saying "YES" to God!</i>	LIVING by FAITH <i>Keep on Saying "NO" to the World!</i>
COVENANT PROMISES in GENESIS <i>Election: Land – Seed – Blessing!</i>	COVENANT PROGRESS in EXODUS <i>Redemption: Bondage – Exodus – Conquest!</i>
LIVING as a WANDERER in THIS PRESENT LIFE <i>Keep Looking for God's Future Promise of a Heavenly City, While Presently Living in Earthly Tents!</i>	LIVING as a WEIGHER of THIS PRESENT LIFE <i>Keep Looking for God's Future Eternal Reward, While Presently Choosing Earthly Reproach Over Earthly Riches!</i>

Persevering Faith Courageously **CHOOSES** God Over the World at Any Cost!

Moses spent 40 years becoming **SOMEbody** in Egypt. Then 40 years in the desert being a **NObody**!
Then 40 years leading Israel through the Wilderness to the Promise Land *learning* God can use **ANYbody** for His glory!

1. Persevering Faith **RESISTS** Compromising with Worldly Laws.

"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." (v. 23)

Background for Moses Being Hidden as a Baby: Exodus 1:15-21; 2:1-10

- By faith Moses' parents **CONCEIVED** a son despite earthly prohibitions. (v. 23a)
- By faith Moses' parents **COURAGEOUSLY** hid their baby boy from earthly powers. (v. 23b; Acts 7:20)

Why Did Moses' Parents Hide Him?

God-given parental love? God-given providential promises? God-given prophetic revelation?

God-given profound **FEAR** of Him more than people! (Acts 7:20; Exodus 1:17, 20)

- By faith Moses' parents **CONVEYED** persevering faith to their children in a culture of earthly perversion. *Micah 6:4*
*"Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt and ransomed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam." Micah 6:4*

2. Persevering Faith **REFUSES** the Carnality of Worldly Living.

"By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward." (vv. 24-26)

Background for Moses Refusing Egypt's Pleasures and Treasures: Exodus 2:11-15

Refuse the Carnality of Worldly Living

- By faith *refuse* worldly **POWER**. (v. 24)
- By faith *refuse* worldly **PLEASURES**. (v. 25)
*Sin will take you further than you want to go, keep you longer than you want stay,
and cost you more than you want to pay!"*
- By faith *refuse* worldly **POSSESSIONS**. (v. 26)

Courageously Weigh the Cost of Carnal Living

- **COUNT** the Cost: *Weigh the cost of carnal living with the logic of faith in God's revealed promises!* (11:11, 19, 24)
"Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we do not have a lasting city but we are seeking the city which is to come." (13:12-14)
- **PAY** the Price: *Choose to suffer the present reproach of Christ.* (vv. 25-26a)
- **REAP** the Reward: *Keep looking to the future eternal reward from God!* (v. 26b)

3. Persevering Faith **REJECTS** Cohabiting with This Worldly Land.

"By faith he LEFT Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen." (v. 27)

Background for Moses Refusing Egypt's Pleasures and Treasures: Exodus 2:11-15 or 11:4-8; 12:29-32?

Moses Left Egypt Two Times

Once due to **FEAR** (Exodus 2:11-15) and once due to persevering **FAITH** (Exodus 11:4-8; 12:29-32).

- By faith don't *fear* the **ANGER** of earthly authority when you choose separation. (v. 27a; Exodus 3:12; 4:31; 12:27, 31)
- By faith *fear* the greater **AUTHORITY** of God who rewards separated living. (v. 27b; Matthew 10:38; Colossians 3:1-4)

4. Persevering Faith RESTS in the REFUGE of the Covenant Sacrifice of the LORD.

"By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood [on the doorposts], so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them." (v. 28)

Background for Keeping the Passover: Exodus 11–12

"To be a Christian means living as an alien and a pilgrim; it means not being able to fit in with others who are slaves to sin; it means denying yourself and picking up your cross; it means a life of struggle and fellowship in the sufferings of Christ. The Christian life means peace with God, but war with the flesh, the world, and the devil. The primary blessings Christianity offers do not lie in this life at all, but in the life to come, in the resurrection from the dead. Indeed, even our present blessings, abundant and wonderful as they are, are located in heaven and are accessed by the exercise of faith." – Richard D. Phillips

Persevering Faith Keeps Choosing God Over the World at All Cost!

Keep moving forward by weighing the cost of saying "no" to the world versus saying "no" to God, then pay the price by bearing the reproach of Christ to reap the eternal reward of God's final salvation.

A Pilgrim Prayer

"O LORD of the CLOUD and FIRE,

I am a stranger and a pilgrim here,
having no continuing city but seeking one to come.
As I walk through this wilderness,
keep me from the snares of the world,
the lures of the flesh, and the assaults of the devil.

Give me the pilgrim's heart:
detached from earthly things,
focused on the prize of my high calling,
and content with the provision of Thy hand.

Let my speech be of the country to which I go,
my conduct befitting a citizen of heaven,
and my pace steady until I reach the gates of Zion.
When the way is dark, be my light;
when I am weary, be my strength;
when I am lost, be my guide.

Grant that I may not only reach the end of my journey
but do so with a song of praise upon my lips,
for the sake of Him who has gone before to prepare a place for me,

Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen."