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REDEEMED FROM BONDAGE IN EGYPT AND BROUGHT INTO A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Message #4, Exodus 2:1-15

Deliverance: The Unfolding of God's Plan





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1. Deliverance comes on God's timetable.
2. Deliverance often comes in the darkest hour.
3. Deliverance comes not without personal cost.



Deliverance Comes On God's Timetable

- Two key New Testament passages:
  1. Acts 7 – Stephen's Defense
  2. Hebrews 11 – The Great Hall Of Faith
- Moses was born at the time the <u>promise was approaching</u>
- Promise to Abraham: Gen 15:13-16



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Genesis 15:13-16

God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be **enslaved and oppressed four hundred years**. But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. **Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."**

Exodus 12:40-41

Now the time that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. [41] And **at the end of four hundred and thirty years[1], to the very day**, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.

1: God spoke of 400 years of oppression in Genesis 15. During the lifetime of Joseph, the Israelites were not persecuted, and thus Moses writes in Exodus that Israel departed from Egypt 430 years after they had arrived. The difference of 30 years is therefore the time which Israel spent in Egypt in the favor of the Pharaoh who exalted Joseph

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The timely birth of Moses teaches us that God is:

1. Watching the course of human events
2. Knows the right time to intervene
3. Keeps His promises.

Application: *I must trust God and his timing.*



Deliverance Often Comes in the Darkest Hour

Exodus 2:2-3 … she hid him for three months. 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.

Acts 7:19-21 "It was he [*King of Egypt*] who took shrewd advantage of our race and mistreated our fathers so that they would expose their infants and they would not survive. It was at this time that Moses was born; and he was lovely in the sight of God, and he was nurtured three months in his father's home. And after he had been set outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him away and nurtured him as her own son."

Hebrews 11:23 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.



Deliverance Often Comes in the Darkest Hour

Andrew Murray:

First, He brought me here, it is by His will I am in this strait place; in that fact I will rest. Next, He will keep me here in His love, and give me grace to behave as His child.

Then, He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He intends me to learn, and working in me the grace He means to bestow.

Last, in His good time He can bring me out again-how and when He knows.

Let me say I am here:

1. *By God's appointment,*
2. *In His keeping,*
3. *Under His training,*
4. *For His time.*

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Application: I will not shrink back from trouble. I will demonstrate a positive trusting attitude to family and friends.



Deliverance Doesn't Come w/out Personal Cost

Moses … went out to his brethren

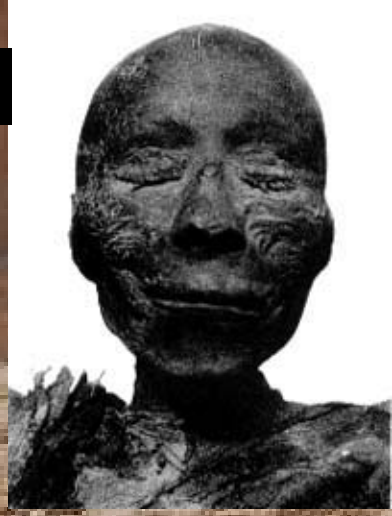
> Now it came about in those days, when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. So he looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one around, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. Exodus 2:11-12

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. Hebrews 11:24-26

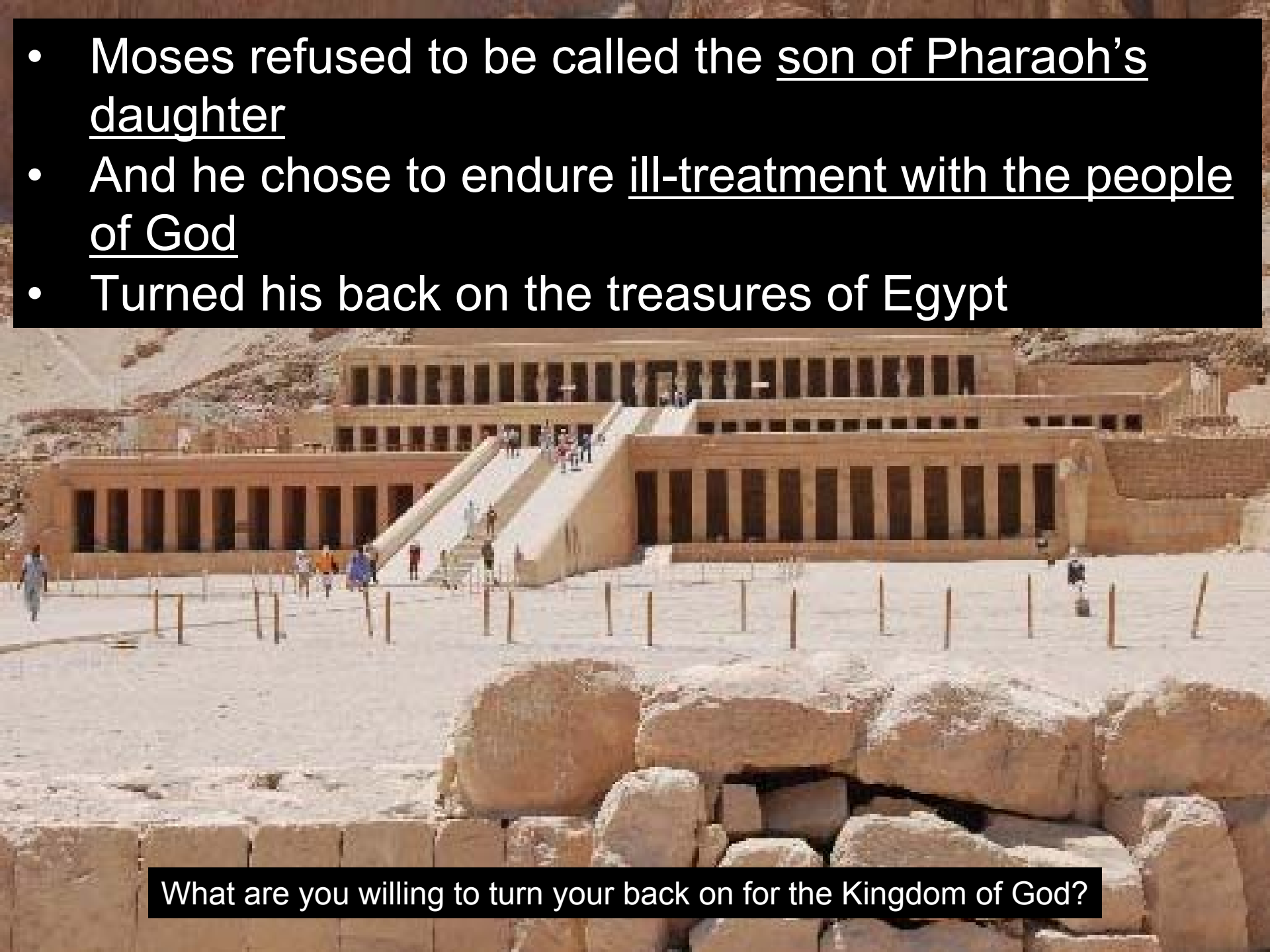


Queen Hatshepsut

Pharaoh Thutmose I



Queen Hatshepsut's Temple



- Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter
- And he chose to endure ill-treatment with the people of God
- Turned his back on the treasures of Egypt

What are you willing to turn your back on for the Kingdom of God?



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JC Ryle:
Are you, like Moses, preferring God to the world, or not? I beseech you not to take shelter under that dangerous word "**we**" — "**we ought**," and "**we hope**," and "**we mean**," and the like. I ask you plainly, What are you doing yourself? Are **you** willing to give up anything which keeps you back from God? Or are you clinging to the Egypt of the world, and saying to yourself, "I must have it, I must have it: I cannot tear myself away"? Is there any cross in your Christianity?

Application: What pleasures am I willing to give up for God's glory ?