

MOSES AT THE FORKS OF THE ROAD

Text: Hebrews 11:24-27

INTRO: Every day we make decisions -- & at some time, each of us must make the one most important decision that is ours to make. Knowing of Moses & the choice he made may be of help to us.

I. THE FORKS OF THE ROAD -- a very revealing place.

- A. Some come to the forks of the road & try to stand still -- or go one direction for a while, then return & go the other way for a while. Not ready to face responsibility.
- B. Others set their attentions & affections on worldly goods, popularity, fame, ease & prosperity & never look back. They choose the wrong road, but are usually not as miserable as those who try to avoid choosing at all. For these, the rude awakening is at the end of the road.
- C. Some, like Moses, look to the eternal consequences of life's daily choices & make the right decision.

II. THERE ARE 2 ELEMENTS TO EVERY SUCH DECISION -- THE POSITIVE & THE NEGATIVE.

- A. The negative element. Moses refused something. He said "No" to something. He forsook something.
 - 1. His "No" meant NO. Many of his brethren made the same choice--but in their hearts they turned back to Egypt, Num. 14:3.
 - 2. His decision was costly. Heir to the throne, power, social position, riches, pleasures. By making the choice he made, he went from being the son of an Egyptian princess to being the son of a Hebrew slave.
- B. The positive element. Chose to suffer with the people of God; to bear the reproach of Christ. This too was costly. But nobody ever became a servant of God by what he did NOT do.

III. THE REASONS FOR HIS CHOICE. Man always has some reason for the choice he makes. Sometimes a good reason, sometimes a poor reason--but always a reason.

A. Moses knew right from wrong--he felt the weight of moral obligation.

1. He could have reasoned, "I will bide my time, become king, then free the Hebrews."

2. But that would have take time--perhaps many years. The Hebrews were suffering backbreaking slavery. To have delayed to act would only have made it more difficult to do the right thing next time around.

B. Moses knew that Egypt's riches, power & pleasures were only temporary. He knew what moth & rust will do to earthly treasures.

C. But, mostly, Moses knew his decision would have eternal consequences.

IV. THE REWARDS OF MOSES' COSTLY CHOICE.

A. A Christ-like character.

"And the LORD said to me... I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. (Deut. 15:17-18).

NOTE: No greater compliment was ever paid any man.

B. A hero, founder of a nation, writer of 5 sections of the all-time world-wide best selling book ever written, plus one of its most beautiful poems. Perhaps the greatest leader any nation ever had. If he had Egypt, even if he became its king, most likely we would have never heard his name.

C. Eternal reward.

CONCLUSION: Today you may make a decision as important as that of Moses. Cast your lot with the people of God. Bear the reproach of Christ. "Heaven surely will be worth it all."

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