THE CHOICE OF MOSES

Heb. 11: 24 - 27

INTRODUCTION:
1. At the age of forty we find Moses making some big choices in his life -- Acts 7: 23
2. His future hinged on two words which lay bare his character.
3. He REFUSED and CHOSE
4. The two words reveal the real greatness of Moses.
5. Let us look at what he REFUSED and what he CHOSE:

I. THE CHOICE MOSES MADE

1. "To suffer affliction with the people of God" -- Heb. 11: 25
2. He chose the condition of his afflicted countrymen
   (1) The people of God, his countrymen, were poor and in the lowest walks of life.
   (2) They were slaves in bondage.
   (3) They were treated as the refuse of the nation.
   (4) They were God's people, the object of God's love and care.
   (5) They were destined to carry out God's plans in the world, to save the world -- Heb. 11:26
3. We need to make our choice to stand with God's people today.
   (1) His people today have to suffer affliction -- II Tim. 3:12; Matt. 5: 10 - 12; I Pet. 4:16
4. He chose Religious Reproach -- "the reproach of Christ" -- Heb. 11:26
   (1) The Israelites were the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
   (2) Through them God had promised to send the Messiah -- Gen. 22:18
5. He chose a Great Service
   (1) God gave the Law by Moses -- John 1:17
   (2) By him, God delivered Israel out of Egyptian bondage -- Acts 7: 35 - 36
6. He chose Eternal Reward -- Heb. 11:26
   (1) He looked beyond the crumbling dynasties of Egypt
   (2) He wanted to go to heaven when he died.
   (3) Standing by Moses in Egypt, his choice may appear foolish, but standing by Moses up on the Mount of Transfiguration his choice was a wise one -- Matt. 17: 1 - 5
II. THE THINGS MOSES REFUSED

1. He refused the dignity of a PRINCE -- Heb. 11: 24
   (1) He had been the adopted son of ROYALTY
   (2) He traced his lines back to ISRAEL
   (3) The choice being a slave or a prince
   (4) He rejected earthly glory
   (5) Children have to reject earthly glory many times -- John 12: 42 - 43

2. He refused the riches of royalty -- Heb. 11: 26
   (1) Egypt, at that time, was one of the oldest and wealthiest monarchies; her coffers
       were full of treasures.
   (2) As a prince, they were within his grasp.
   (3) He refused them.
   (4) He rose above the seductions of wealth
   (5) Many have not been able to do this:
       1. Lot -- chose the beautiful plains of Sodom -- Gen. 13: 10 - 11
       2. The Rich Young Ruler -- Mark 10: 17 - 22
       3. The Rich man of Luke 16
       5. Paul warns -- I Tim. 6: 9 - 10

3. He refused the pleasures of sin for a season -- Heb. 11: 25
   (1) Every sensual enjoyment was within his reach.
   (2) Everything his mind or heart could desire or his imagination could conceive was in
       his reach.

4. Some profound lessons come from a study of Moses' refusal to these things of the world --
   Christians must refuse the world
   (1) Not be fashioned according to the world -- Rom. 12: 2
   (2) They must understand the world is evil -- I John 5:19
   (3) They must not be spotted by it -- James 1:27
   (4) They must not be enamored by its wisdom -- I Cor. 3: 19 - 20; I Cor. 1: 19 - 21; Psa. 94:11
   (5) They must not love the world -- I John 2: 15 - 17
   (6) They must not become a friend of it -- James 4:4
   (7) They must be separated from it -- II Cor. 6:17
(8) The Christian is crucified unto the world -- Gal. 6: 14

CONCLUSION:

1. Moses was able to SEE the UNSEEN -- Heb. 11: 27
   
   (1) He served God and not man.
   
   (2) His commitment was to God.
   
   (3) We are to see the UNSEEN -- II Cor. 4:18; Heb. 12:2; Col. 3: 1 - 2

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