

# MOSES

## SERIES

### Thirteen Weeks of Life-Changing Character Studies on Moses

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# Moses—Chosen of God

## Exodus 2:1-10

**LIFE PRINCIPLE:** *God has designed a plan for every believer. Our lives are under the superintending hand of Almighty God. We are not an accident and the path of our life is a “God-path.”*

**INTRODUCTION:** No knowledge of the Bible is complete without understanding the life of Moses. Moses is arguably the second most important person in all of history—Jesus Christ being first. Moses was designed by God to be the greatest human leader the world has ever known. When Scripture tries to describe to us the greatness of Christ, it compares Him to Moses (Hebrews 3:1-3). We are even told that one of the songs to be sung by heavenly choirs in ages to come is “...the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb...” (Revelation 15:3).

Moses was born a slave by impoverished Hebrew parents with a death sentence upon his life. His chances of survival were slim to none. His parents, Amram and Jochebed, were strong in faith, however (Exodus 6:20). Through their efforts and the sovereign hand of God, Moses’ life was spared. This was to be no ordinary life. Moses’ life is a dramatic illustration of divine contacts. The God of the universe intervened in Moses’ life as He does with every life, and Moses was forever transformed. He had heard the clarion call of God and answered. Far too few of us answer God’s call when our life-line is interrupted by the divine. Moses did not make that mistake.

### I. MOSES AND GOD’S DIVINE PROVIDENCE

- A. When we talk about God’s divine providence, we are talking about the care or benevolent guidance of God in human affairs.
- B. God’s divine providence can be seen working in the life of Moses before he was ever born.

1. God was already working in the hearts of His people, Israel (Exodus 1:13-22).
  2. God is working in every man's life before he is ever born (Jeremiah 1:4-5).
- C. God, in His divine providence, had already chosen Moses' parents (Exodus 2:1-2). God makes a lot of choices for us before we are ever born. We are no accident. Our lives are ordained of God. That is why abortion is so wrong. It is the murder of life planned in the image of God (Psalm 139:13-16).

## II. MOSES AND GOD'S DIVINE PROTECTION

- A. God provided godly people for Moses' protection (Exodus 1:17).
- B. God provided a loving family for Moses' protection (Exodus 2:1-4).
1. These were parents who understood that we are always to obey God when man's law contradicts God's law (Hebrews 11:23).
  2. Teenagers, your parents have been given the right and the responsibility to guide and direct your life. If you fail to follow their guidance, you will lose God's protection on your life.
- C. God provided an unsaved member of society to protect Moses (Exodus 2:5-9).
1. The sister of Ramses the Great (Ramses II) took care of Moses.

2. Ramses is known as the greatest boaster in Egyptian history. He erased all the names of his former Pharaohs and had his name placed on all the monuments.

### III. MOSES AND GOD'S DIVINE PLAN

- A. God had a wonderful plan for the life of Moses.
  1. If Moses would have known all that God had planned for him, he may not have chosen to follow God's plan. It is important to note that Moses' life consisted of three testing periods of 40 years each—at total of 120 years of hardships and testing.
  2. It is the same with you and me. We have to trust God for His plan for our lives in good times and in hard times.
- B. God planned for Moses to be trained in the ways of Egypt.
  1. Raised as a son of Pharaoh (Exodus 2:10)
  2. Schooled in all the wisdom of the Egyptians (Acts 7:22)

Moses' education was very thorough. He was trained in multiple disciplines, such as: orthography (spelling), history, theology, medicine, arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and engineering.
- C. God planned for Moses' training to be suitable to deal with the most powerful dynasty on earth. God has planned every life. Your life is no accident.

#### CALL TO ACTION:

Moses' life is a demonstration of the miraculous power of God in the life of a believer. Our lives are under the superintending hand of an Almighty God.

# Moses—Preparing to be Used

## Exodus 2:11-25

**LIFE PRINCIPLE:** *Before we can do, we must be. We must be internally what God wants us to be before we are fit for external ministry. Usefulness in ministry flows from being.*

**INTRODUCTION:** Moses is now forty years old (Acts 7:23). He has made a major decision in his life. He has decided to identify himself with the people of God. He is about to enter into the second forty year period of his life. Moses already believes that God has chosen him to deliver Israel, and he supposes that the Israelites have this understanding also. They do not. He flees from the wrath of Pharaoh after murdering an Egyptian and lives on the back side of the desert in the land of Midian.

There are several insights about God's working in the life of the believer that can be seen in this passage. I want you to notice with me three ways God worked in the life of Moses: 1) God's timing, 2) God's training, 3) God's testing.

### **I. MOSES' LIFE TEACHES US THAT GOD CONTROLS THE TIMING OF EVERY MAN'S LIFE AND DECIDES WHEN HE IS FIT FOR USE**

- A. Moses assumed that because he had committed himself to God and His will, that it was time (Exodus 2:11; Hebrews 11:24-27).
1. Abraham made the same mistake with Hagar, but God gave him a son at the "set time" (Genesis 17:21; 21:2).
  2. What a lesson! When we finally surrender to God's will for our life, that is just the beginning. There is training and testing ahead before we are fit for use.

- B. Moses assumed that because he knew God's will for his life, that others knew and believed it was time.
  - 1. The fact that they didn't know was a shock to Moses (Acts 7:24-25).
  - 2. Don't become discouraged when others do not understand what God has called you to do with your life.

## II. MOSES' LIFE TEACHES US THAT GOD HAS A TRAINING PERIOD FOR EVERY MAN'S LIFE BEFORE HE IS FIT FOR USE

- A. God used circumstances in Moses' life to get him in the place of training (Exodus 2:15).
- B. God's training always includes humbling before we are fit to be exalted to a position of use (Exodus 2:16-21).
  - 1. Paul spent three years on the backside of the desert.
  - 2. Jesus was humbled (Philippians 2:5-11).
  - 3. Moses had to learn that God could not deliver Israel in the prideful energy of the flesh.

*"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"* (1 Peter 5:5-6; see Zechariah 4:6).

- C. God will train us to be what He wants us to be.
  - 1. Moses learned patience—he waited forty years (Acts 7:29-30).
  - 2. Moses learned to be a father (Exodus 2:21-22).
  - 3. Moses learned to be a deliverer (Exodus 2:19).
  - 4. Moses learned to be a shepherd (Exodus 3:1).

5. Moses learned how to serve Jehovah from Reuel, his father-in-law, which means “friend of God” (Exodus 2:16, 18; 18:10-12).

### III. MOSES’ LIFE TEACHES US THAT GOD WILL TEST EVERY MAN BEFORE HE IS FIT FOR USE (Acts 7:29-30)

- A. For forty years Moses stayed in Midian, being tried and tested of God. God was preparing him to be used. Forty is the number of testing in the Bible. It only took Christ 40 days, but it took Moses forty years.
  1. The Flood—rained for 40 days and nights.
  2. Moses’ life consisted of three 40-year periods of testing.
  3. Moses was on Mt. Sinai 40 days and nights.
  4. Israel was in the wilderness wandering for 40 years.
  5. Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days.
- B. No doubt God tested Moses’ ability to deliver and care for others over and over again.
- C. It takes time to be properly tested; it is hard (I Peter 1:6-7). Very few learn life’s lessons easily and quickly.
- D. All of us can be sure to be tested if God is ever to use us in a mighty way (I Peter 4:12-13). Look at the lives of great men and women—Judson, Spurgeon, Fanny Crosby, etc....

#### CALL TO ACTION:

1. God is in charge of the timing of everything in your life.
2. God is going to put you through training before you are fit for His use.
3. God is going to test every man before he is fit for God to use him.