

Salvation and Freedom From Sin’s Slavery

This week – continuing our lessons which teach the almighty saving power of Jesus Christ.

“By faith, Moses, ... Esteeming (valuing) the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward”. Hebrews 11v26.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Exodus 2v1-15 (Moses defends a Hebrew slave)	
Monday	Exodus 2v16-25 (Moses Leaves Egypt the Land of Midian)	
Tuesday	Acts 7v15-29 (God’s approval of Moses’ action)	
Wednesday	Hebrews 11v8-27 (Moses acted by Faith not Fear)	
Thursday	Psalms 105v1-15 (Praise to God for His overruling)	
Friday	Psalms 105v16-27 (Joseph and Moses sent by God)	
Saturday	Matthew 6v19-34 (Lay up treasure in Heaven)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Some churches preach a ‘Prosperity Gospel’ which promises that all who love Jesus will have an easy, healthy and prosperous life and any problem we face is a punishment for sin. If we look at the lives of followers of Christ in the Bible, we will see that they faced persecution, hunger, ill health, and poverty **and yet still knew the Lord’s approval and love.** The Bible actually warns that the love of money, ease and health is a danger to a Christian, and that the rewards we are blessed with, if we are faithful to our God, are not necessarily earthly benefits but spiritual - such as receiving His help and guidance in all that we face in life, answers to prayer, helping us to have a Christ-like character, and the promise of eternity without sin. With these experiences we can then testify to others of God’s Sovereign love, mercy, and kindness.

Read Isaiah 43v1-5 which explains God’s support for the believer through troublesome times.

Hymn 482 - Challenging us as to Who’s side are we on? – God’s or Satan’s:

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| 1. Who is on the Lord’s side?
Who will serve the King?
Who will be His helpers
Other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world’s side?
Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord’s side?
Who for Him will go? | 2. Jesus, Thou hast bought us
Not with gold or gem,
But with Thine own life-blood,
For Thy diadem.
With Thy blessing filling
Each who comes to Thee,
Thou hast made us willing,
Thou hast made us free. |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Moses’ Choice – To Stay In Egypt or be One of God’s People.

• **Background to Today’s Lesson.**

- With Joseph long forgotten, the Egyptians make the Hebrews their slaves.
- Moses, now 40 years old, was saved from death at birth and brought up as an Egyptian prince – all part of God’s plan to lead the Hebrews out of slavery.
- As Adam’s descendants, **our** souls naturally inherit slavery to Satan and sin. God’s plan sets His Chosen People free from sin through Christ’s death on Calvary.

• **Moses’ Choice – He could Remain in Egypt and Enjoy Short Term:**

- **Ease** – Surely the best place to stay, a guaranteed life of ease and pleasure.
- **Riches** – As a prince he would have great wealth, and prosperity.
- **Power** – Educated, and trained, he could well become the next Pharaoh.

OR – Be One of God’s People and Suffer Short Term:

- **Hardship** – No longer living for self, but for God, whatever the cost.
- **Poverty** – Exchanging palace-life for the hardship of living with God’s people.
- **Reproach** – The Egyptians, once his friends, would now be against him.

AND – Enjoy Greater, Eternal Riches – Moses knew that Egypt’s pleasures, ease, and riches would only last for his lifetime. God promised freedom from slavery in a new country, and eternal riches, ease, and joy to come in Heaven.

• **Moses Chose to Leave Pharaoh’s Palace to Join His People.**

- He chose the narrow, unpopular way. The more difficult way - God’s way.
- He defended a Hebrew slave from death and killed the Egyptian Taskmaster. Moses, not afraid, but in faith (**Heb 11 v27**), left Egypt for the Land of Midian, where God would prepare him to lead the Children of Israel to freedom.

• **We have the same Vital Choice – Our Way or God’s Way?**

- Resist the anxiety of trying to be popular, pleasing others to gain friendship.
- Pray to the Lord asking Him to open your spiritual eyes to see the things that are real, and eternal - the riches of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.
- Don’t be deceived chasing this sinful world’s wealth and fleeting pleasures.

The Lord Jesus warns us, *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth”, but “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”.* Matthew 6 vs19-21.

Seek Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord – follow Him - He will bless you.

The Apostle Paul wrote about the riches of Christ, *“... in Whom we have redemption (freed from slavery to sin) through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He hath abounded toward us ...; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself”.* Ephesians 1 vs7-9.