

OT Faith in Action

Wk 7 - Moses, part 1

1. Who was Moses?

- a. Family
 - i. Parents - Amram and Jochebed (of the tribe of Levi)
 - ii. Siblings - Miriam (8-10 yrs older?) and Aaron (3 years older)
 - iii. Wife (wives?) - Zipporah of Midian and Cushite woman?
 - iv. Children - 2 Son, Gershom and Eliezer by Zipporah
 - v. In-laws - Father-in-law: Jethro/Reuel, 6 sisters-in-law, brother-in-law: Hobab (all from Midian)
- b. Brief overview of his life
 - i. Born as a Hebrew slave c. 1526 BC or c. 1330 BC
 - ii. Adopted by Egyptian Princess
 - iii. Raised among Egyptian royalty until 40 (Acts 7:23)
 - iv. Fled to Midian wilderness until 80 (Ex. 7:7)
 - v. Liberates God's people in the Exodus
 - vi. Wanders the wilderness for 40 years
 - vii. Dies at age 120 before entering Promised Land (Deut. 34:7)

2. What was he like?

- a. According to Jewish traditions
 - i. Ecclesiasticus 45:1-4 - favor in sight of all... beloved of God and men... like the glorious saints
 - ii. Philo, Life of Moses 1:158 - the god and king of the whole nation... a most beautiful and godlike work, to be a model for all
- b. According to Scripture's reflections
 - i. Acts 7:35-38 - God sent as both ruler and redeemer... performing wonders and signs... he received living oracles to give to us
 - ii. Hebrews 11:23-28 - beautiful... chose rather to be mistreated than enjoy sin... looking for the reward... not afraid of the anger of the king

- c. According his story
 - i. Good
 - 1. Acted as a representative of God to the people - Exodus 20:18-21
 - 2. Acted as an intercessor before God for the people - Exodus 32:11-14, Numbers 14:13-19
 - 3. Regularly accepted help from others
 - a. From Aaron - Ex. 4:16
 - b. From Aaron and Hur - Ex. 17:12
 - c. From Jethro - Ex. 18:24-27
 - d. From Bezalel and Oholiab - Ex. 31:1-8
 - e. From Hobab - Num. 10:29-32
 - f. From 70 elders - Num. 11:24-30
 - g. From Joshua - Num. 27:22-23
 - ii. Bad
 - 1. Fear and hesitancy to obey God's call (Ex. 3-4)
 - 2. Anger/bitterness (Deut. 1:37; 3:26; 4:21)
 - 3. Doubt (Num. 11:21-23)

3. What can we learn from Moses' character?

- a. Moses had flaws, but he grew and was changed by God
 - i. Fear - God graciously works with him and he obeys in spite of fear, it results in an immense hope in God after seeing God work (Ex. 15:1-18)
 - ii. Doubt - He becomes committed to remembering the Lord's work as a means of confidence (Deut. 4:9, 23; 6:12; 8:11)
 - iii. Bitterness - He humbly accepts the Lord's plan and encourages the others (Deut. 31:1-8)
- b. We can imitate Moses qualities so far as they reflect Jesus (1 Cor. 11:1)
 - i. We are called to act as representatives of God to people
 - 1. Jesus - John 1:18
 - 2. Us - 2 Corinthians 5:20
 - ii. We are called to intercede on behalf of others
 - 1. Jesus - John 17
 - 2. Us - 1 Timothy 2:1-2