

The Life and Times of Moses Albert Fairweather
Moses means: Hebrew ‘drawn out’; Egyptian ‘child or son’

Study 1

- **Living in difficult days** - (Ex.6:20; Heb.11:23)

- a. Ex. 2:1. The faith of Amram.
- b. Ex. 2:2-3. The faith of Jochebed –

The blessing of a godly mother/father

Faith needed to raise children in such days

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The Call of Moses

Exodus 3:1-10

Called to salvation – “*I am the God of your father*”

Called to service – “*I will send you...*”

- a. Ex. 2:12. God must deliver in His way.
- b. Ex. 2:14. His brethren did not understand.
- c. Ex. 3:10-12. God’s Call and promised grace. (**Note his excuses** – Ex. 4:1-17). **God’s call is essential in all ministry. When He calls, He enables** - Zech. 4:6-7

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The Man of no Compromise

Hebrews 11:23-29

- a. **He refused** - to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.
- b. **He chose** – to suffer affliction with the people of God.
- c. **He esteemed** – the reproach of Christ greater riches than Egypt’s treasures.
- d. **He endured** – as seeing Him who is invisible.
- d. **By faith** – he kept the Passover and passed through the Red Sea. **He was a saved man!**

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The Man of no Compromise

Ex. 5:1-3. “*We will go three days journey*”

Christ completed the Father’s will - Luke 13:31-33

We also are called to walk today and tomorrow, and the third day be perfected! Take up the Cross.

- a. Ex. 8:25-27. Sacrifice in the Land –
 - b. Ex. 8:28. Not very far off –
 - c. Ex. 10:8-11. But who will go? –
 - d. Ex. 10:24-29. Leave your flocks and herds –
- Each time we compromise a little more is lost -**

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Compromise! Always at a cost!

Failure on the three day journey!

- a. **Abraham** – “She is my sister” – Gen. 12:13
- b. **Lot** – Pitched his tent towards Sodom – Gen. 12:10-13
- c. **Aaron** – Made the golden calf – Ex. 32:1-6
- b. **Saul** – Spared Agag – failed to obey – 1 Sam. 15:1-23

We are called to make a three day journey!

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He Calls us to -

“Take up the cross daily, and follow Me”! Luke 9:23-25

The Cross:

The emblem of shame and suffering

Dying to self – living for Christ

Col. 3:1-4; Gal. 2:20

“Follow Me” - Matt. 4:18-20

Study 2

Christ Foreshadowed

Their Redemption Eph. 1:7

- a. Ex. 12:1-2. A new calendar, a new beginning. Nisan, the first month of the Jewish year.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” - 2 Cor 5:17.

- b. Ex. 12:3-5. The 1st. to 10th. Day (the hidden, perfect life of Christ) – a perfect lamb chosen, the lamb, **your lamb**. We need a personal faith in Christ. *“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”* - John 1:29

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Their Redemption

- a. Ex. 12:6. The 10th. to 14th. Day (the public ministry of Christ) - the lamb slain. Christ died for us.

“Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?” - John 8:46

- b. The blood applied, the lamb eaten (Christ saves and we enjoy fellowship with Him)

“...and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ” – 1 John 1:3

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Their Redemption – the Passover

- Ex. 12:13. The importance of the blood – Lev. 17:11
- Ex. 12:14-28. The feast of unleavened bread.

“Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” - 1 Cor 5:8. Leaven is a picture of sin.

Sacrifice of animals was an abomination to the Egyptians – a ram symbolised their god Amun, giver of life in heaven and earth. The 15th. Nisan believed to be the apex of his powers

Ex. 8:26; Gen. 46:34

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Their Reliance

- a. Ex. 13:21-22. Divine presence (Cloud) – “*I will never leave you nor forsake you*” - Heb. 13:5
- b. Ex. 14:19. Divine protection (Christ the Angel). Nothing “*can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord*” - Rom.8.39

c. Ex. 16:4, 31. Divine provision (Manna) – “*And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus*” (Phil 4:19)

He is the life giving Christ - Manna, giving life to the people. We have life in Him – John 6:35.

He is the life sustaining Christ - Showbread, food for the priests. He sustains us in Christ – Lev. 24:5-9.

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Their Relationship

- a. His covenant people – Gen. 15:18; Ex. 3:6-7
- b. Delivered by Divine power – Ex. 12
- c. Baptised into (identified with) Moses in the cloud and in the sea – 1 Cor. 10:1-4

Moses the deliverer – typifies Christ that Prophet - Deut. 18:18-19

Study 3

“Songs in the Night” Job 35:10

“Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the Night” Job 35:10

“Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools” Psa. 84:5-6

They had no song in Egypt!

“Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength” – Neh. 8:10

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The Red Sea Crossed

What they were delivered from: Ex. 15:1-5

- a. Pharaoh (Satan)
- b. Egypt (this present evil age)

The Jordan Crossed

What they were being brought into

Canaan – an earthly inheritance – to be possessed by faith with God’s help!

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Songs in the night

Another ‘three day journey’ - Ex. 15:22-24

The wilderness experience – the freed slaves:

- a. They sang – Ex. 15:1-2
- b. They murmured – Ex: 15:22-24
- c. They were shown grace – Ex. 15:25

There is a Tree that makes all our Marah’s sweet!

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There He tested them

- a. Christ was tested - Luke 4:1-13
- b. We are tested - James 1:2-3;12-14

Three days into the wilderness and they lost their song – it was not regained for 40 years

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Songs in the Night

They drank of that...Rock...Christ - 1 Cor. 10:4

He is:

- a. The Rock of salvation – Ex. 17:6
- b. The Rock of security – Ex.33:21-22
- c. The Rock of supply – Num. 20:8

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Their song regained

Confession –

“We have sinned” – Num. 21:5-7

Then Israel sang - Num. 21:17-18

Repentance led to revival - Zech. 12:10

“Restore to me the joy of Your salvation” Psm. 51:12

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If we have lost our song –

It can be regained!

The key – confess and walk by faith

Study 4

Lessons in Leadership

Hebrews 3:1-6

He was:

- a. **Converted** - he kept the Passover and sprinkling of blood! – Heb. 11:28
- b. Called by God to lead – Ex. 3:1-10; Acts 20:28
- c. Fitted by God – not a novice – 1 Tim. 3:6
- d. Had close communion with God – Ex. 33:11

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Lessons in Leadership

He was:

- a. More than a ‘visionary’ – Num. 12:1-8
- b. Depended on God – Num. 20:6
- c. Had a shepherd heart – Ex. 18:13
- d. Spiritual in conflict – Num. 12; 2 Cor. 10:3-6

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Lessons in Leadership

His character

- a. Meekness, not weakness – Num. 12:3
- b. Humility, not envious – Num. 11:25-29
- c. Impartial to all – Num. 12:15
- d. Did not presume to know God’s will – Lev.24:12
- e. Uncompromising when known – Ex. 8 and 10
- f. He loved God’s people – Ex. 32:9-14; 33:11

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Lessons in Leadership

His weaknesses -

are few, but we all have some!
Slow to grasp God’s call, made excuses – Ex. 4

His sin

Only one recorded – his anger – Num. 20:7-13

His Song

Refreshing to the end – Deut. 31:30; 32:1-4

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Lessons in Leadership

His legacy

- a. He left the nation strong spiritually and ready for the conquest of the land.
- b. He prayerfully prepared and left behind proven men in leadership - Num. 27:12-23
- c. He left a good example for young men to follow.

His epitaph

“Moses, My servant is dead” – Josh. 1:2

“Moses also was faithful in all his house” – Heb. 3:2