

Parents with Faith

Ponder: The blessing of God-fearing Parents

Scripture: “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s command” (Heb. 11:23, NKJV).

Think of it: Pharaoh had decreed that every newborn male Hebrew was to be cast into the Nile at birth. Our minds recoil against even contemplating such inhuman barbarity! How many precious little boys met their end in the belly of a Nile crocodile? Scripture provides no answer, but we know of one baby Hebrew boy who survived despite the king’s vile edict.

Amram and Jochebed hid their son three months; when they could hide him no longer, Jochebed fashioned an ark (chest, box) of reeds, waterproofed it, and set the baby afloat in the Nile where she knew Pharaoh’s daughter came to bathe. Happily, Pharaoh’s daughter didn’t share her father’s hard, cruel heart. Determined to raise the baby as her own, she even paid Jochebed wages to nurse him. Thus Moses lived with his own family until weaning time, which in ancient times might easily be three or four years old.

The 1956 Charlton Heston movie “The Ten Commandments” gives the impression that Moses had no clue who he was, who God was, or what He wanted from Moses. But, not surprisingly, Hollywood and the Holy Word are at odds! Moses’ parents were people of faith. Wouldn’t they tell their little boy about Abraham and God’s promises to him? Stephen said that when Moses killed the Egyptian slave driver, he “supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand” (Acts 7:25).

By faith Moses’ parents rejected the king’s murderous decree. Faith comes through the word of God. Long before the Law was written, they knew murder was sinful; after the flood God had told Noah, “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed” (Gen. 9:6). Ages before Acts 5:29 was written, they knew to obey God rather than men.

We are blessed even today because Moses’ parents walked by faith. Let us bless our children and generations yet to come by obediently trusting in God!

Song: “O For a Faith that Will Not Shrink”

Prayer: Father in heaven, Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Help us to show our trust in You by obeying your word. In Jesus’ name, Amen.