

Moses Feared Pharaoh

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Moses Feared Pharaoh (Ex. 2:14-15; 4:19).

Moses Did Not Fear Pharaoh (Heb. 11:27).

Without much investigation the scriptures above might appear to contradict one another. However, if the question is asked, 'which Moses is being referred to in these scriptures?' it will be easier to arrive at the correct answer. The Moses in Exodus 2:14-15 and 4:19 preceded the Moses of Hebrews 11:27 by about forty years,

But when he (Moses) was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel (Ac. 7:23; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. note in parenthesis).

At the age of forty, Moses fought with an Egyptian and killed him (Ac. 7:24). The next day, knowledge of Moses' action had spread throughout the land (Ac. 7:28) and knowing he was likely to be executed for murder, Moses fled to the land of Midian where he lived for another forty years,

... Moses fled and became a sojourner in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.³⁰ And **when forty years had passed**, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai (Ac. 7:29b-30; emphasis added).

So the Moses that left Egypt was forty years old, while the Moses that returned to lead Israel out of Egyptian slavery was eighty years old. The eighty year old Moses was not the same one who left Egypt because had learned to trust God over that forty year period in Midian and, although he did not think himself worthy to represent the One True God (cf. Jn. 17:3), he obeyed God's instructions and returned to lead Israel out of Egypt,

So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, 'Please let me go and return to my brethren who are in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive.' And Jethro said to Moses, 'Go in peace' (Ex. 4:18).

Moses' faith in Almighty God had replaced the fears that he may have had when he was younger and at risk of being executed for killing an Egyptian,

By faith he (Moses) forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king ... (Heb. 11:27a; Ed. note in parenthesis).

The story of Moses is similar to all those who are called out of this present evil system to serve Almighty God (cf. Gal. 1:4). Every individual that is called by God starts a journey that is meant to lead them away from the values of this world and change them into a new person,

If you (Christ's disciples) were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I (Christ) chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you (Jn. 15:19; Ed. notes in parentheses).

I (Christ) have given them (the disciples) Your (Almighty God's) word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I (Christ) am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one (Satan's values). ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world (Jn. 17:14-16; cf. 18:36; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Those who continue to grow in a better understanding of God's way of life (cf. 2Pet. 3:18), combined with a willingness to obey His law and commandments, are like Moses who was transformed into a completely different person over a period of time,

And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Rom. 12:2; emphasis added).

That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man (old sinful way of living) which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you **put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness** and true holiness (Eph. 4:22-24; cf. Ps. 119:172; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

But we all (who have repented of sin), with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord** (2Cor. 3:18; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Therefore we (those who have repented of sin) were buried with him (Christ) through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life** (Rom. 6:4; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Knowing this, that our old man (old way of living) was crucified with him (Christ), that the body of sin might be done away with, that **we should no longer be slaves of sin** (Rom. 6:6; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

So there is no contradiction in the scriptures regarding the fear that Moses may have had prior to knowing the One True God. Once he left Egypt at the age of forty, Moses began unlearning the values of Egypt, which included worshipping many pagan gods. By the time he was eighty years old, his values were completely different and any fear he may have had was replaced by trust in Almighty God to perform His word (see study: Faith).

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