

By Faith Moses, When He Was Come to Years

by John Calvin

Moses' courage in choosing faithfulness over worldly pleasures serves as an example for us to steel ourselves against Satan's assaults and to prioritize confessing Christ.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:13, 2 Timothy 1:7, Hebrews 11:24, James 4:7, 1 Peter 3:14

Topics: "Faith And Obedience", "Persevering In Trials"

Description

John Calvin preaches about the importance of staying faithful to God despite the temptations and distractions that come our way, using the example of Moses who chose to suffer with God's people rather than enjoy temporary pleasures. Calvin emphasizes the need to guard against flatteries and fears that may lead us astray, urging listeners to focus on God and remain steadfast in their faith. He highlights the value of confessing and standing firm in the truth of the gospel, even in the face of opposition and ridicule, as it is a sacrifice pleasing to God and will bear fruit in due time.

Transcript

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to he called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. --Hebrews 11: 24-26

You have already felt, as I think, that the sharpest and most difficult assault is that of those who under color of friendship, with insinuating arts, seek to make you swerve from the right way. Those persons are never unprovided with plausible pretexts and allurements; so much the more then you have need to put in practice the doctrine of the apostle, to take good heed and to steel yourself against flatteries as well as fears.

It was the resolution of Moses, who, having it in his power to be great at the court of Egypt, preferred the reproach of Christ to all the pomps and perishing delights which would have cost him too dear, had he allowed himself to be detained. Now the apostle shows whence he derived this courage; it was in hardening himself by looking upon God.

Thus, Monseigneur, elevating your thoughts, learn to stop your ears against all the blasts of Satan, which strive only to overthrow your salvation, by shaking the constancy of your faith. Learn to shut your eyes to all distractions that would tend to turn you aside, aware that they are but so many deceits of our mortal

enemy. And by whatever wiles they engage you to purchase your own safety in breaking the faith pledged to the Son of God, let this saying be deeply stamped on your memory, that he will be confessed by you on pain of your being disavowed and renounced by him.

Many, indeed, nowadays, think they have but to wipe their mouth, after it has denied the truth; but for all that the confession thereof is too precious to God to be so lightly esteemed. And though it seems lost pains to bear witness to the gospel among those who are rebels to it, or even that such witnessing gives rise but to derision and reproach; yet, since it is a sacrifice well pleasing to God, let us content ourselves with being approved by him. One thing is certain; he will cause our simplicity to bring forth more fruits than we imagine, provided only we observe what he commands. --Correspondence

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