

(Men God Made) Moses

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Willie Mullan's sermon explores the life of Moses, emphasizing God's training, the importance of faith, and the influence of his parents.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on the life of Moses and his journey with God. He highlights how Moses initially felt inadequate and unsure of his ability to lead God's people. However, God reassured Moses and performed miracles through him, such as turning a rock into water. The preacher emphasizes the importance of humility and recognizing that it is God who empowers and guides us. The sermon also briefly mentions Moses' parents and their role in his life.

Transcript

And the man we're looking at tonight is Moses. Yes, this day we're dealing with men God made. And I'm not trying to deal with every detail connected with these men.

I'm just dealing with the training techniques of the teacher. How God trained these men to be real men of God. And we're going to see Moses in the school of God this evening.

You know, it's a very wonderful thing if you watch all the great men that God took, called and saved and put into the school, you will find this, that not many mighty are called. I think if you go through all the great men of God, you will find not many mighty are called. You will find that Elisha was taken from the plough, and that Amos was a fruit-gatherer and God called him.

Of course you know about Peter and James and John. You know that the book even says that they were all learned and ignorant men. And it is true that not many mighty are called.

God is picking up the things which are not to bring to naught the things that are. But just because we know these few phrases and because we could back it up by one person and another, don't let's ever get the idea that it says not any mighty are called. It says not many mighty, but it doesn't say not any.

Because when we come to Moses, he's the mighty man, it may tell you that he was trained and learned in all the wisdom of Egypt before God even called him. He was a prince, an Egyptian prince. And I think that's the least thing we've got to keep in our minds.

Because I know some of the weak fellows who lick their lips over not many mighty are called, and they're so pleased they come from the back street. But I don't think that God can take universally students, and I'm afraid you should be educated, you know. Just let God do whatever he likes.

If he likes to take a little fellow from a back street and make him a shining servant, and be graduates in the school of God, then you say hallelujah. But when God takes a prince like Moses, or a Hebrew scholar like Paul, you just learn to say hallelujah just the same. Don't forget that little guy.

Now Moses lived for 120 years. And his life, it divides very nicely into three quarters. He was 40 years in Egypt, and he was known to the whole Egyptian nation in those days as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

And where we find that phrase from Hebrews chapter 11, in the old original, it's in inverted commas. Because it was a title. That was his title in those days.

As he walked past, everybody bowed. And they said, the son of Pharaoh's daughter. That was his title.

And some of us say that he was 40 years in Egypt learning to be something. And then the next 40 was spent at the back side of the desert, and that's a strange word to use. Even desert would be enough.

But it's said that he was at the back side of the desert. And I say he was there for 40 years. There is an argument about it, but I don't find any argument.

He was there 40 years learning to be nothing. And it's great when you learn that you're nothing. Some of us, it takes a long time, because you always have sort of little ideas clinging to you that you are something.

And the more that God blesses you, the more you're tempted to think you are something. And it's not until you learn that you're nothing, that God can move you into the next class. And he was 40 years in the wilderness, of course, with the children of Israel.

And what a pilgrimage that was for him, with the continual murmurings. He was 40 years learning that God was everything. You have graduated when you were there.

So that's the life that we're looking at this evening. Now I want to begin with his mother and father, I think this is proper. It's got to the book of Exodus.

And we're at Exodus chapter 6, please. The book of Exodus. And we're at the 6th chapter.

This is not really important, but I think it's good for the young people. You see, as a teacher of a Bible class like this, I've got to always remember I've got quite a company of young people here, and they need to learn the very basic things. And we have all Bible students here, and we need to take them into the depths until the whole studies are planned along this line.

We're at the book of Exodus chapter 6, verse 16. And these are the names of the sons of Levi. According to the generations.

Gershon, and Kohath, and Menarai. Now here are the sons of Gershon in verse 17. And here are the sons of Kohath in verse 18.

You see his firstborn there? Amram he was. If you go down to verse 20 it says, And Amram took him Jochebed, his father's sister to wife, and she bared him Aaron and Moses. So you have no bother with that, have you? That's quite easily done.

You start with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. And Levi was one of Jacob's sons. And Kohath was Levi's son.

And Amram was Kohath's son. And Amram married this woman called Jochebed. And they had two sons.

They had later on a daughter called Miriam. But the two sons are mentioned here. Aaron and Moses.

And I know that Aaron was five years older than Moses. So there you are. So you've got that, that's quite easy.

Now it says something about his presence in Hebrews chapter 11. Let's go there just to get this tidied up a little bit. We're at this letter to the Hebrews.

And we're at the 11th chapter. And we're at verse 23. By Saint Moses, when he was born, was 33 months of his parents.

I want you to get the hold of that. You know his parents had real faith in God. In this great picture, Galilee of faith here in Hebrews 11, where all the great exponents of faith are seen.

These parents, Amram and Jochebed, they're mentioned here by Saint Moses when he was born. Three months of his parents. Because they saw he was a proper child.

And what does that really mean? And they were not afraid of the king's commandments. In those days, Pharaoh, king of Egypt, was commanding that all the male children born to these Hebrew slaves would be slain. But these two had faith.

And they were filled with faith and they had no fear. And it's a great thing when you have faith and no fear. David got to a place when he graduated where he said, I will trust and not be afraid.

In his early days he talked about when I am afraid I will trust in thee. But in his latter days he talked about trusting and not being afraid. Now I know that there's quite a little bit said about his parents there.

But let's go back to the book of Exodus for a moment. And we're at the second chapter. Exodus.

And we're at chapter two. Verse one. And they went to the man of the house of Levi, and took away the daughter of Levi.

And now you know that the man was Ammon, and the daughter he took was Jochebed. And we're back to the same couple. And the woman conceived.

And bear a son. And when she saw, what saw the she fear? And when she saw him that he was a goodly child. What are we thinking about when we say goodly child? And in the other place proper child.

She hid him three months. And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and dabbled it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein. And she laid it in the fledge by the river's bank.

And his sister, that's Miriam I was telling you about stood afar off to wit what would be done to him. Now I want you to get your eyes on his mother now. You see somebody on one occasion tried to make it out that that here are two different passages.

And there's a contradiction. I can't see the contradiction. I'm perfectly sure that Amran was behind the woman in everything she did.

But I'm perfectly sure she was the leader. I don't see any bother with that at all. People try to make contradictions out of nothing.

Now the woman was a great woman, that's all. And he was big enough to go in with all she was doing, that's all. And that's why he bruises her love to say his parents.

But now we're getting more like that's all. And we find that she, she was the real worker. She had perception.

And she had passion. And she's determined to protect. And she's the one that makes the plans.

I don't see anything wrong with it. You know once upon a time I preached at a conference far from here. There are many marvellous mothers in this book. And that's quite a story, you know.

Maybe one Sunday morning I may be called back to do that again. And there are many marvellous mothers in this book. You're getting your eyes on Jocko bed this evening.

And if you let your mind work, can you get some more Hannah? Yes, she was a great woman. Yes, I think that John Mark's mother was a great woman too. Because when they put Peter in prison and he got out of the prison and stood in the dark and wondered what he would do.

He came to the decision, I will go to John Mark's house. And his mother had the house full. Where many were gathered together praying exactly the same.

Because you know about Timothy's mother, don't you? Yes. His grandmother was called Louis. And his mother was called Eunice.

And faith was in them both. On same faith which was in my grandmother, Louis. And in my mother, Eunice.

And I don't want to go up this sideline tonight. Because there's a whole lot of things I can say about these mothers. And I'll take up the time on that clock.

You know John Wesley's family and all your messengers here will be delighted in this. They had 19 children in the family. And Susanna Wesley was like Jocko bed.

And she was the leader of the family. And it was Susanna Wesley that indoctrinated these boys and girls of hers. With the great truth of the gospel.

Yes, John Wesley was number 15 in that family. And I was number 17 in ours. It's a good job that they didn't practice doing away with children in those days.

Because that's where I think this sin is horrible. John Wesley and I would have been blotted out. Wouldn't have mattered so much about me.

But it would really have mattered a lot about him. Remember, they're going to have a baby. God looked at Jeremiah and said, Before I found thee in the moon, I knew thee.

And God pity you if you put your hand to it to destroy it. Wanted to get the hold of those truths. You know, I read with delight how she used to set the children down, Susanna Wesley.

And tell them all about God. And then I used to go back and see my old mother. I shall always be proud of my mother.

And when I was just about ten years of age, And I remember this distinctly, this old memory of mine is pretty good. And I was sitting on the floor. I don't know exactly what I was doing.

I remember I was on my bare feet. And I had an old pair of trousers on. And a jersey, they called it.

Cardigan as you like. With holes in it all over. I remember her saying she was a sewer.

She was a great sewer. She could sew all this fancy sewing. When she stopped, she said, Well, I want to talk to you.

I have a feeling in my heart that God wants you for something. Now, if you had seen me just then, you wouldn't have thought anybody wanted me for anything. And I'm sure I must have upset her intuition, if that's what it was.

When I was sixteen, I used to come home drunk every night. But never mind about what the devil tried to do to me. You see, she had something.

And I tried to get to the bottom of this proper child and this goodly child. And the only way I can get is this intuition. That this woman saw something in the child.

And she said to Amran, We are not just swine, this wee fellow. We are children. Never mind about the king.

Never mind about his wrath. Thank God for mothers. Thank God for good mothers.

My mother was poor. But I remember things now that I'm so proud about. When I get home to heaven and see the Savior, then I shall hug her tight.

And if I had her tonight, I'd make a queen out of her. If you've got a good mother, when you go home and look after her, I hear about Christians with their mother in a home and they never go near her. I'll go and blush.

I don't mean to talk to you. I don't need you around the corners to get truth across. Yes, that's enough for his mother and father, won't it? Yes, I want you to get down to the moment of his decision.

Go back to Hebrews chapter 11. Hebrews 11. And look at verse 24.

By faith Moses. And this is his own faith this time. When it says in verse 23, By faith Moses, when he was born, within three months of his parents, is talking about his parents' faith.

You don't think a baby is born of faith, do you? But when he comes to verse 24, we're talking about his own faith. By faith Moses, when he was twenty years. I wonder what we mean by that.

Well, you know what we mean now, don't you? Yes, you can get married now without a license when you're over sixteen. And you have a vote now. You'll be able to use it one of these days.

Oh, don't let me get into the voting business. Lord, spare me. Yes.

Now, I think it's a bit more than that when we look back there. We might say that a fellow has come to years, and sometimes I would use it as an illustration even in the present day teaching of the gospel. Sixteen, eighteen, twenty, twenty-one.

Look, I'm afraid it was a bit more in those days. Why do you think it meant then when he was twenty years? Well, I can tell you it meant he was nearly forty. But I need to prove all that.

But we'll get round to that in a moment. But he came to a decision then. By faith Moses, when he was twenty years, refused.

That's the first thing that this faith did. Refused to be called. Now, this is where the phrase comes in.

The son of Pharaoh's daughter, and it should be in these aggressive commas. He's dropping his panther for good. He's not going to belong to Egypt or be a prince in Egypt any more.

And this choice went a bit more further than that. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God. Well, to simply stand with the people of God.

Rather to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Now, here's the bit that fills me.

It's seemingly his faith of his that refused and chose and took its stand with the people of God. Esteemed the reproach of Christ. Oh, what did he know about Christ all the way back there? I'm afraid he knew all that.

Ah, you know, he knew by the opulence that the Christ of God was coming. And he knew by even the scriptures that was. There then, that reproach would be on his head.

And if you were going to be on God's side then you'd have to bear the reproach of Christ. It's wonderful. This was the day he met Christ.

Think back there, don't make any mistakes about it. This was the day he placed his faith in the Christ of God and turned away from Egypt. I am the treasures of Egypt.

I am the treasures of Egypt. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt for he had respect unto the recompense of the world. And I think you can see the moment of his decision.

Now, let's go back to Exodus chapter 2. We just have to go back and forwards to get this proper. Now we can see his father and mother and we know when he was born and we know all that happened to him and how he was brought up and learned in all the wisdom of Egypt and how when he was come to years he

refused to be called the son of his daughter and we're in Exodus chapter 2 and we're a way down at verse 11. Exodus 2 verse 11 And it came to pass in those days when Moses was gone.

Now, the thought of faith as we get in this book you have to watch him. Because you might put your own interpretation on that and you're not allowed. You might think he was 12 you might think he was 16 I'm afraid you have to get a clearer on that and I'll do it for you in a moment.

I'll tell you he was 40. And it came to pass in those days when Moses was gone that he went out on to his brethren and looked on their burdens and he spied an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew one of his brethren and he looked this way and that way and when he saw there was no man he threw the Egyptian hidden in the sand. I want you to get this mistake of his you see he's a grown man now and he's placed his faith in Christ.

Now he thinks that he's going to liberate the whole nation on his own. This is not faith at all you know this is being automatic. And there's a whole lot of Christian faith now.

They're going to deliver everything so they think. So Moses thought. I'm afraid he was all wrong.

I'm afraid he was terribly wrong. Do you know how I know he was wrong? When you're right you don't look this way and that way to keep anybody's coming. That's the way some of the believers look into the bookies.

Stand on the street and look this way and that way you know you're wrong. Your conscience is working. I'm telling you he's wrong.

I'm telling you his conscience is talking to him. I'm telling you that this is not bigotry at all, this is carnal. And the weapons of our warfare are not carnal.

You don't do it that way. And we have so many in which we've problems of ours. And to want to do it this way.

That's all wrong. Terribly wrong. That's not faith at all, that's holly.

Now I want to tell you this. The Dutch didn't even please his brethren. Oh maybe they would say hallelujah while you're killing the Egyptians.

But watch this. It says. Verse 13.

When he went out the second day behold two men of the Hebrews strove together and he said to him that did the wrong therefore smite us by battle. And he said who made thee a prince and a judge over us intendest thou to kill me as thou killest the Egyptians And Moses prayed and said surely this thing is known. Now when Pharaoh heard this thing he sought to slay Moses and Moses had to flee away into the land of Midian.

You see God the Lord stood back and allowed him in his carnality allowed him to be the fanatic that murdered the Egyptians. And it's still a block on his conscience to this world. I want you to get the hold of this.

That God allowed this to happen that God was guiding him. Oh there are so many who can never see this permissive will of God and this directive will. God was going to put him into another class now.

He's taken him to the class the university of the back side of the desert. And he moves you there sooner or later. That was the outcome of this.

He had to flee. And you will find that it's set here in chapter 3 we are at Exodus chapter 3 Now Moses took the flock of Jephthah his father-in-law the priest of Midian and he led the flock to the back side of the desert. And I believe that if you're going to be any good for God at all I believe you have to come to this classroom.

You know while Paul was the Hebrew of the Hebrews and while he brought a chosen battle you know oh he had to spend three years in Arabia alone in the desert just getting things right. Now can I talk to the young preachers coming up will you sit up and listen for a moment or two because this is for your good. You see I came to this platform as far as I know it's the same old reading desk.

I came to this the first time in my life about 41 years ago and I can remember you know I lived in Utah I had an old car I didn't even own a bicycle I had hardly the money for the ticket to come here. Young car, good looking. Yes.

Has to say something right. Yes. And I remember getting the train in Utah and coming to the station in Belfast and getting out and walking over the bridge and going to Great Victoria Station and buying a ticket for Lurgan.

I had never seen Lurgan in my life. When you were brought up the way I was brought up and you had no money you didn't travel the country. I'd never seen Lurgan but I was going to Lurgan for this church to preach on a Sunday morning.

And I had to look out of the window at all the wee stations and you have got Dunmurry and Finnishy and Richmond and the Maze and Moira and I really thought I was going to America you know it was so wonderful how far away the Lord had taken me.

And then I came to the station down here it was Lurgan and I saw the word and I got on and Billy Dewey met me this is Dewey here now and he's in heaven and he was a great wee man he was a deacon in the meeting here and I can see this wee man I didn't know he was Billy Dewey but he knew me hard hat on, walking up and down and I'll tell you how he met me just the heart out and the smile and this is what he said I hope you have a good day boy always said boy at the end of the line it was great I had never trained a country man a real man, this is what I was looking for if they had sent Lord Lurgan I would have went home again but this is the man that met me and cared for me on many hundreds of times afterwards and I came here and I came in fear and trembling but I did so well that they asked

me to come and preach at the conference which was on me in the day or two and that scared me and I knew that Old Tucker was coming to the conference and I knew that Old Tucker and I were going to preach together you know I could hardly believe that he was my father in the faith and I thought he was wonderful and I was preaching and I preached first preached from the text turn up again O God and cause thy faith to shine and we shall be saved and I believe God came in and moved and helped me helped me tremendously so tremendously that John McGill Tom Terence took me into the little back hall up there it was there then he said we would like you to think of coming here as the pastor and that was about the finish of it I didn't want to come as the pastor oh I didn't want to do that he said now

if you give us your word that you would consider it we'll put it before the meeting and I said don't you do that until I consider it and when I went home I was nearly crying and I thought this is more than about it and I went upstairs and I said Lord you know all about it he was a wee fella and I didn't know anything about it and I came to the conclusion it was all wrong and it was wrong let me say that boldly now and it was 15 years preaching I went round the world for 15 years after that and 15 years later 25 years ago I came as the pastor but had I come 40 years ago I wouldn't have been here 40 weeks you wee fellas take your time would you God is not in a hurry you're always in a hurry God has given you gifts and you can preach, bless you and you get it over and you're getting new

messages and it's flowing through you sure I'm so pleased now take your time God is in no hurry 15 long years it was move those 40 years into the back of their necks and put them back for 40 years that will teach them a thing or two well I wish we would let God drive us free an old fellow said to me once he said you know you talk about 120 years and I know it was 120 years and I know he was 40 years in the wilderness with the children of Israel but there is no where in this book that it says he was 40 years in Egypt and 40 years in the back side of the desert you're just walking about I said did you look through the book he said yes I've read every word in Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy and 40 is not mentioned again you're very sure you read it? yep I said it's just a pity of you

because you're just opening your mouth now and letting me see how great an ignoramus you are because sometimes when you try to be clever and open your mouth some more you get back to the old text professing themselves to be wise they become foolish now let me show it to you and see if some stupid creature like this comes along I don't say things I couldn't prove you know you see what he forgot is this and this is something I want to say to you that old flock is going to beat us to the man I shall just warn the matter about it you see we forget that the day of Pentecost came and we forget that the Holy Ghost came and filled men and we forget that when men were filled the Spirit of God taught the early teachers especially the prophets things that were not even recorded in the Old Testament

oh yes and now that they're all out into the light and they're recorded in the New Testament we don't get any more of this sort of life but they got it bad now you watch me because you can read through Exodus and Leviticus and Numbers and Deuteronomy looking for all the flockies and you're not finding them they're not there I'll tell you where to find them you see when Stephen stood before the Sanhedrin and they're aware of Acts chapter 7 have a look at it now the Acts of the Apostles and we're at chapter 7 yes as he stood before the Sanhedrin you know he was filled with the Spirit actually it goes further he was full of the Spirit of God and the Holy Ghost gave them light that was not seen before and we have this recorded and the book is finished and all that God wants to say is said and

you're not allowed to add now there's no use of you coming to tell me that the Holy Ghost was giving you bits they're all in this book now and you're not adding but this is how it was going then here's Stephen standing before the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem and had said this blessed winter it's time to say it's time now he's talking to them he says in which time Moses was born and was exceeding fair and nourished up in his father's house three months and when he was cast out Sarah's daughter took him up and nourished him for her own son Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians that's where we get that from and was mighty in words and in deeds and when he was two forty years old it came into his heart to visit his brother and the children of Egypt and seeing one of them suffer wrong

I'll tell you he was forty years old before he made the decision did you get the hold of that? because that's the first 40 inch issue like the old critic that I met now seeing one of them suffer wrong he descended in

and avenged him that was oppressed and smote the Egyptians for he supposed his brother would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them but they understood not it's just intimating that Moses was getting the feeling in his heart that God was going to use him but nobody else had it but him and the next day he showed himself one of them as they stole and would have set them at one again saying so you are better and why do you wrong one to another but he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away saying who made thee a ruler and a judge over us wilt thou show

me as thou didst the Egyptian yesterday then Moses prayed that the same was a stranger in the land of Midian where he begot two sons and when forty years were expired there was not another forty you see when I got to there the old fellows looking at me soft looking I should have looked at this book and hit them on the head with it please don't come criticizing if you don't know cause I haven't time to deal with some of you stupid ones you get fed up listening to it you don't know the book if you don't know please learn you don't know he was forty years old when he made the decision he was forty years at the backside of the desert I don't need to go on with this do I watch down the chapter a little bit when he got the burning bush then said the Lord to him verse thirty three put off thy

shoes from my feet for the place where thou standest is holy ground I have seen the affliction of my people this Moses whom they refused say who made thee a ruler and a judge the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush he brought them out after that he had showed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness forty years there's your other forty it's a great pity of some of these fellows yes she knows he was forty years at the backside of the desert yes God appeared to him then God sending him back to do the job now and I think you can see his million days and nights there and we'll not waste any more time you know when God called him let's go back to Exodus to this burning bush and we're

in Exodus chapter three just now God is speaking to him also for this burning bush and here's what God said to him in verse eleven well this is what Moses said back to God verse ten is where God says come now therefore and I will send thee unto Pharaoh that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt and Moses said unto God who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh you know he's just standing there God sending him but he's trying to answer back he's trying to say you know I'm nobody don't send me oh if God's working in your heart young man or young woman God knows what it's about just leave him alone just you obey him and stop arguing you see verse thirteen and Moses said unto God behold when I come unto the children of Israel and say unto them the God of your

fathers has sent me unto you and they shall say to me what is his name what shall I say unto them he's trying to say you know I don't know the thing to say I have no message oh the Lord will look after you little fellow said to me once you know I'd be afraid to go out into the work of the Lord how would I get messages for the next 25 years I have taken the last handful of meal out of the barrel for 25 years it'll do another 25 don't you worry and if I had to preach for all eternity there's enough in the barrel verse twenty don't talk like that see if we go into chapter four look at four and one Moses answered and said but behold they will not believe me nor hearken unto my voice you know he's trying to say you know I have no authority you see four and ten we're trying to save time Moses

said unto the Lord oh my Lord I am not eloquent I don't think that God is looking for eloquence you see all these mutterings of unbelief you see that and you know if we go on see chapter five oh this is very filling for me and afterwards actually Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh thus says the Lord God of Israel let my people go you know I try to visualize that sometimes see Moses this man who placed his faith

in Christ eighty years before this this man who had got to know his God at the backside of the desert can you see him standing before the mighty Pharaoh of Egypt can you hear him saying let my people go see he's a different character now yes you know there are mighty moments in his life you remember when he stood before the Red Sea and the mountains are on either side and the

Egyptians are rushing in with their chariots and the whole nation is crying and they're saying you brought us here there were no graves in Egypt you brought us here and Moses shuts down Pharaoh to see the salvation of the Lord for these Egyptians that you have seen today you will see them no more forever oh he's beginning to graduate he's beginning to trust God and not fear at all and it was the same right through his days with this murmuring crowd let's go to Numbers chapter 20 just for a moment book of Numbers something there we need to look at yes Numbers 20 then came the children of Israel even the whole congregation into the desert of Sinai in the first months verse 2 and there was no water for the congregation verse 3 the people joined with Moses saying would God that we had died

when our brethren died before the Lord they're always murmuring if you go through this book you will find the murmurs of the people of God they have no bread they have no water it's too hot it's too cold that's the way they go on in the meeting here one old lady comes in the door she says it was terrible hot last night and the next one comes in and says you're going to freeze us in here yes that's the way it was on and I said to one old lady once it wasn't warm last night at all it was cold last night she said I had my winter underwear on well you had better send us a thunderclap when you're putting your winter underwear on we don't know what to do oh he got to manage it oh yes and then they say he shouts too loud and then some other poor weak creature comes to take my place and you

couldn't hear him behind the stumps you say and you know what the people have got no that's what Moses had to put up with all his life but you know he graduated in the school didn't he on service day watch this verse 7 and the Lord spake unto Moses saying take the rod and gather all the assembly together thine heir and my brother and stick ye onto the rock before their eyes oh we should listen to the Lord and what he says and what God said was stick ye onto the rock before their eyes and it shall give forth his water and Moses took the rod from before the Lord as he commanded him and Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock and he said unto them hear now ye rebels he has lost his temper you know he is getting so fed up with it they have nearly put him round the

bend he says hear now ye rebels must we fetch you water out of this rock and Moses lifted up his hand and with his rod he smote the rock twice he is not allowed to do that you see that rock was Christ this is what the new testament says it was a type of Christ and he should be coming very humble and begging Christ to refresh the people and the Roman Catholic Church spoke to him again and again and again in their pagan mouth every Sunday and God mad about it for it is pagan that and our Lord died he died once not twice not every Sunday in the pagan mass not a bit of it Moses lost his temper and it says here verse 12 and the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron because ye believed me not the saints to find me in the eyes of the children of Israel therefore ye shall not bring this congregation

into the land which I have given them let's go to Deuteronomy chapter 2 for a moment chapter 3 it is Deuteronomy 3 I think this is very thrilling to me Deuteronomy 3 look away down the chapter in verse 21 and I commanded Joshua at that time saying thine eyes have seen all that the Lord your God hath done unto these two kings so shall he do unto all the kingdoms whereof thou partest ye shall not fear them for the Lord your God we shall fight for you and I besought the Lord at that time saying O Lord God thou hast begun to show thyself and thy greatness thy mighty hand for what God is there in heaven on earth that

can do according to thy works and according to thy might I pray thee let me go over and see the land that is beyond Jordan that goodly mountain of Lebanon but the Lord would wrath

with me for your sakes and would not hear me and the Lord said unto me let it suffice thee speak no more unto me of this matter get thee up into the top of Pisgah lift up thine eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward and behold it with thine eyes for thou shalt not go over this job you see some people say that God was a bit hard with Moses I think God is trying to tell us that if he takes a man and he makes him the leader of the people that if he goes wrong you have to suffer for it I don't think God will let him out of that Moses was not allowed to go into the promised land exactly wonder of the grace of God is this you know that Moses was told to go up to the top of the mountain oh let's go to the end of Deuteronomy what is it? chapter 32 I think it is let's do this for

you see Deuteronomy 32 verse 48 and the Lord speak unto Moses that tells him they say get thee up into this mountain unto Mount Nebo which is in the land of Noah that is open against Jericho and behold the land of Canaan which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession and die in the mount he was told to go up and die more nonsense than Moses you know this is the only man that knew where he was going to die and when I know that Peter knew how he was going to die because the Lord told him but this fellow knew where and when did you just go up on the top of Mount Nebo I was there one day nobody knows where he is buried only God was at his funeral God buried him up there oh that the grace of God was so that God raised that body again later on and Moses appeared on the Mount of

Transfiguration in the land with Christ oh God gave him that privilege but before the nation God was taking no nonsense you see and when he graduated we don't need to go to Hebrews 11 by Saint Moses in June after seeing him who is invisible when you get there you know you have won the day did you see the school that he was in and how God brought him through the crosses and next week we are going to take a change of the character altogether we are taking Gideon oh he wasn't a mighty man at all I'll tell you when you find Gideon on the stage if you look for him you will find that he is threshing wheat down beside the wine press to hide it from the Amalekites he is afraid he is standing in a drain oh yes but the angel came along and said almighty man of dollar he was nothing of the kind and

why was it said oh we will just have to wait won't we but we are taking Gideon up and you will find how God took him into classroom after classroom and how God made Gideon next week let's bow together before the Lord Lord we thank you for this book and we thank you for the men this group and small that God has taken not many mighty are called we know that Lord and yet Moses was a prince the son of Pharaoh's daughter for 40 years a man who has learned in all the wisdom of Egypt at that particular time Lord we thank thee for the classrooms and we thank thee for the backside of the desert and we thank thee for the time when you seem to be dragging your feet and those are the best days for us we thank you Lord that all we need for the journey is thyself we remember how you took Gideon and you

clothed yourself with Gideon oh God help us to learn in these days grant that thy name will be glorified even as we sit at thy feet pass us now in thy fear and with thy blessing for thy name's sake Amen

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