

Scripture: Hebrews 10:32-39 & 11: 23-28 & Mark 8:34-38
Singing: 266:1-3 – 255:1-4 – 233:2-3 – 203:3, 5 – 308:1-3

Introduction: What was the secret of those who sacrificed all for Jesus?

MOSES' CHOICE OF FAITH I. It was a choice II. It was a choice of faith

I. MOSES' CHOICE

- A. Our life is made up of choices:
 - 1. No choice is innocent

 - 2. Many choices are irreversible

- B. God expects us to make choices
 - 1. That is part of the glory of being created in His image

 - 2. That is still His expectation even though we are now spiritually disabled

- C. Hebrews 11 recorded Moses made a *far-reaching & irreversible choice*
 - 1. This was not an overnight quickie (24-28)

 - 2. As time moved on, this choice became harder and harder: Acts 7:22
 - a. he received and become accustomed to the best of Egypt

 - b. his sacrifice to make grew and grew with the years (vs. 25)

- D. None of us may need to give up what Moses needed to give up: yet to follow Jesus does involve a similar choice: Mark. 8:34-35; Luke 14:25-33
 - 1. You may need to 'cut off' special connections (Matt. 5:29-30)

 - 2. You are called to make a choice: Deut. 30:15-20; Joshua 24:14-23

II. Moses made this choice by faith

A. Scriptures reveals that the saving choice of faith is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8)

1. God creates faith as *author and finisher of faith* (Heb. 12:3)

2. The *choice of faith* involves all our heart: *mind – affections – will*

B. All this is beautifully illustrated in Moses:

1. Moses' faith is revealed in his deep thinking (mind): vs. 24-27
 - a. He **esteemed** *belonging to Christ*

 - b. He **had respect** to *what He would receive from Christ*

 - c. He **concluded** that the suffering with God's people was better than to enjoy with the world

2. Moses' faith revealed in feelings (affections): vs. 27b
 - a. Moses didn't follow a religion but saw an invisible Person he loved

3. Moses' faith was revealed his conscious choice (**will**): *refused Egypt's offer & chose Christ's offer despite the cost*

Reflect: Moses' history is God's call to us: *chose whom you will serve?*

**How long halt ye between two opinions?
If the LORD be God, follow Him;
But if Baal, then follow him.
And the people answered him not a word.
1 Kings 18:21**

**Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts,
as in the provocation.
Hebrews. 3:15**

**Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest.
Matt. 11:28**