

## Blessed Sojourner Exodus 2:11-25

Last time we were introduced to Moses, “no ordinary child.” Pharaoh’s daughter found him hidden in a floating basket and claimed him for herself. But his true mother received him back that she might nurse and nurture him until he became a youth. All this was part of God’s plan to make him the leader the Israelites would need when the time came to leave Egyptian captivity. The narrative continues now with Moses having grown to manhood as a powerful, educated prince but keenly aware that he is destined eventually to identify with Israel and to forego the rewards of Egypt.

- I. **The Presumptuous Brother: A Lesson in Meekness** *compare to Absalom*
  - A. I believe Moses’ mother told him he was Israel’s hope, “no ordinary child.” (Hope in God.)
  - B. Once he had power, Moses presumed it was time to save his brethren. (Don’t presume!)
  - C. So he took to himself a position and privilege not yet granted by the Lord. (Wait!)
  - D. But he was not sure about vengeance, afraid of being seen. (Someone always sees.)
  - E. He ended up fleeing for his life, having second thoughts about his “greatness.” (meekness)  
Numbers 12:3 Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.
  
- II. **The Blessed Sojourner: Running into the Arms of the Savior** *Compare Jacob*
  - A. Leaving Egypt was among the best things that ever happened to Moses. (Away from idols)
  - B. Midian had a better “university”, one that drew him closer to God. (School of Hard Knocks)
  - C. He learned to wait (40 yrs) and to receive whatever God would provide. (Patience is a gift)  
(Philippians. 4:19) But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
  - D. Thus, the Lord orchestrated his escape from Pharaoh and improved his life. (Romans 8:28)
  - E. And he was able to maintain his inclination to help those in trouble. (“An Egyptian rescued us”)
  
- III. **The Son of a Third Family: A Man of the World** *Compare to Apostle Paul*
  - A. Reuel (Jethro) was his first father he since leaving Amram’s home. (a father to the fatherless)
  - B. Being in a true priestly family helped him to learn about God. (Teach me thy way, O Lord)
  - C. He now saw a third kind of culture, one suited desert life. (with Israel in the wilderness)
  - D. He became more able to see the world as God sees it. (“all the nations are your inheritance”)
  - E. All God’s people need an awareness of the world, how it works, suffers. (“I have other sheep”)
  
- IV. **The Covenant Apostle: The Answer to Someone’s Prayer** *Abraham’s servant in Haran.*
  - A. While Moses lived forty years more in Midian, God still was watching Israel. (with you always)
  - B. Many Israelites had slipped into idolatry, but some had remained faithful. (Amram, Jochebed)
  - C. We can assume that part of the captives’ sighing was prayer for help. (“heard their cry”)
  - D. God was about to keep His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (everlasting covenant)
  - E. And He would send Moses as the administrator of that covenant. (Mediator of the covenant)