

I. Moses in Egypt and Midian

- A. Now a grown-up (verbal link to v. 10) – 40 years old
- B. He sees (like his mother, v. 2, and Pharaoh's daughter, v. 6)
- C. Moses' first intervention: killing an Egyptian oppressor
- D. Moses' second intervention: breaking up an Israelite fight
- E. "Who made you a prince and judge over us?"
- F. At the well, more injustice and another intervention
- G. "Moses was content to dwell with the man." (cf. 2:1)

II. Moses and Your Big Plans

- A. Some of us have Big Plans
- B. They don't always work out. Why? Some reasons we see in Moses' case:
 - i. in order to humble us and make us more ready for the work he wants us to do
 - ii. because the desire is there, but not the other necessary pieces
 - iii. so that we can learn more about him
 - iv. because we are pursuing them the wrong way
 - v. so that he, and no one else, is seen to be the hero
- C. The best thing that can happen to our plans is that God is seen as the hero.

III. Moses and the Real Hero

- A. What a deliverer does ...
- B. Moses is not the real hero (Hebrews 11:26-27).
- C. What seems like disaster becomes the first step toward his mercy and salvation
- D. And more importantly, the experience of Moses points to another redeemer
 - i. he would look from a high and exalted place, with compassion on his suffering people. (Mark 6:34; Titus 3:4-7)
 - ii. he would look and see that there was no one able to save, and take matters into his own hand. (Isaiah 59:15b-19)
 - iii. he would be rejected by the very people he came to save. (Isaiah 53:3; Mark 15:12-15; Acts 7:23-29; 1 Peter 2:4,7)
 - iv. he would suffer in exile from his home. (Not just Nazareth, Luke 4:24, but heaven, John 8:23)
 - v. he would have no place to lay his head. (Matthew 8:20)
- E. The hero of the story is God (Isa. 35:10; 51:11; Psalm 34:16; 38:9; 39:13; 40:2; 102:2; 145:19)