

The Fruits of God's Teaching in Moses' Life -Pt2

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Part one of the message on 'The Fruits of God's Teaching in Moses' Life'; had made note that one most important aspect of the Christian life would have to be (without question), that most important matter of us allowing God to develop and train our 'spiritual character' to prepare us and family for Eternity in His Kingdom! (As we by example set the right example for our children and obey God's Command for us to *"teach and train our children in the way they should go."* (Prov.22:6)

Also, made note, that Jesus warned us about 'false prophets', and that the only way to detect them would be by their fruits. That has never changed, so we can observe the fruits, results, actions, words, and general conduct of many people today, and we can know without question whether or not they have had their Christian characters developed by God.

[After a brief observance of one's actions, or some conversation with most 'people of the world' today, ..something that they say or do will usually reveal (or give some indication) as to where they have 'placed their trust' in their life. (Has their 'place of trust' been placed on medicine and doctors, or Satan-inspired man-made plans for provision of financial needs and their policies of financial security, or man's efforts of self-life to avenge (or try to correct wrongs), or mistreatment of themselves or that of our children??) So, we can usually detect false teachers and false professed Christians, as we can 'see by their fruits' (as Jesus said that we would be able to see in them.) (Matt.7:16) *"By their fruits you will easily recognize them."* (Jesus said).

And HE inspired apostle Paul to tell us(2 Cor.6:17-18) *"Therefore, 'COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND SEPARATE YOURSELVES, SAYS THE LORD, 'AND TOUCH NOTHING IMPURE; AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU, AND WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS,' SAYS THE LORD THE RULER OF ALL."*

A person who is trained by God, would stand out in a crowd (as we say), for their 'place of trust' and their general deportment that we would see, would be much different from most others around them today.

Anyone can be different in this 'right way' if they choose so; it is just a 'question of the will', a conscious decision made to allow God to train them, and to control every aspect of their life.

If a person sincerely desires God's training of their Christian character, they will follow His guidance, be willing to respond as Christ would respond, and, as result of meeting everything (with God's help) in a Scriptural way, they would receive the same results in this modern age as believers did in Bible-times. Their lives will bear the same fruit, and they will have individual characteristics that Bible Christians had.

Apostle Paul said (2 Cor.5:17-18) *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;"* So we would not respond, think, reason, nor would we act like before; "the old has gone, the new has come!" It's an entirely changed life; (through Christ) we are a different person, a new personality. All of this is from God, Who 'reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the 'ministry of reconciliation'."

A prime example of this 'reconciliation with Christ' and 'showing the fruits' of a right heart attitude, is the parents of Moses and their family. That is a good illustration of 'showing the fruits' of God's workings and His teaching. It reveals the training (of a truly surrendered heart.)

Moses' parents did not obey the king's unscriptural law, and they had to risk their own lives (in addition to their baby's life), (when they placed him in a small homemade boat and then floated it in the Nile River, while trusting on God alone to protect their child's life. That was further evidence {or fruit} of being taught by God, as they placed 'God's Word' ahead of their own lives. That is just what Jesus says we must do; (Luke 14:26) *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters, yes even his own life—he cannot be my disciple."*

And God worked in that situation to take care of the baby Moses. He sent the Pharaoh's daughter down to the river's edge at just the precise time. She noticed the little boat and the baby. Immediately, her 'maternal instincts' caused her to desire the child, to adore and adopt him, and to take care of him.

The baby's older sister, Miriam, had followed the little boat to see where it went. Miriam spoke with the Pharaoh's daughter and asked if she wanted someone to nurse the child. Wanting that to be done, she agreed to have Moses' own mother to nurse and care for the child. The Pharaoh's daughter 'gave the baby to his actual mother' until he was old enough to be accepted into the King's palace.

It is easy to see how God worked immediately. Laws of man and the plans of Pharaoh were turned completely around. Without them being aware of it, God made the Pharaoh and his nation to look very foolish.

We don't know how old Moses was when he entered the palace, but he did receive his education and training in Egypt. The Bible says that Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians and was considered the actual son of Pharaoh's daughter. Thus, he was treated as part of the royal family, and had all the wealth, honor, servants, (and social advantages that would be included). All of that would be very attractive from a human standpoint, (But that would not be attractive from a divine viewpoint).

Moses, Miriam, and Aaron, were given a much greater heritage and advantage by their parents, when their lives had been committed to God. A perfect example of the fruits one will see in children, when they have 'godly' parents.

When those three children reached the age of accountability, they followed God and His Word; (not disobeying His Word to follow a less expensive path, or one that seemed easier to follow in the eyes of the world). They did not desire the world's pleasures, nor the devil's ways, and they did not disobey their parents. Because those parents were sincere believers in God's Truth, and, genuine followers of His ways, their children also followed His ways, which was 'the fruit of God's teaching'.

Though the story happened many hundreds of years ago, the 'principle of trust' and Truth involved, is right up to date, for the very same results and the very same fruits, will be seen in the children of every genuine Christian parent, today.

Moses left the king's palace (all the honors, the influence, and riches); instead, he forsook all the money, worldly ambitions, and he joined 'the people of God'. That is the example that Jesus gave for us many years after Moses. Consider for a moment, that Moses joined a group of people

who went to sleep at night for forty years without anything in the house to eat for the next day. Their complete faith had to be in God, even for the next day's breakfast.

Moses could have dined and eaten sumptuously every day, like the rich man (of whom Jesus made note Luke chapter 16), but he chose instead to suffer affliction with the true people of God, rather than to enjoy a sinful life of pleasure for a short time. (Vs.26 of Hebrews 11) says in the 'King James translation'; "*Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.*" (more clearly worded in 'Weymouth's translation'), "because he deemed the reproaches which he might meet with in the service of Christ to be greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt; for he fixed his gaze on the coming reward."

Moses did not have to be forced to obey the New Testament in everything. He used his power of choice in the right way --choosing to live day-by-day by faith, and to give up all the riches, honor, and personal reputation.

That is an example for everyone to follow if Eternal Life is their goal. And here is the key: "because he considered the Christ-life of much greater value than anything in the world." A life of faith in God of much "greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt." That is placing the correct valuation on divine things.

A man like that with parents who will allow God to teach them, will be used by God in a mighty way to be a blessing to others. What an example that is! When God needed a man to lead His people from captivity; someone to establish His truth on earth, He selected a God-taught man from godly parents.

There could be a million 'Moses' (the Pastor said), if parents would take the same attitude that his parents did. Parents who are right with God in their own life, and, then raising the children and training them in 'the right life of faith in God'.

Then we are told (Hebr.11:28-29) "*By faith he (Moses) kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land.*"

They went through that sea not because they saw it dry, but because they knew that God was faithful. They knew that the waters could come back in a second, but they went through risking their lives on God's faithfulness and power.

It was 'trusting in God by faith'; (again, another fruit of a man taught by God.)

The Egyptians had the same dry ground, but they went by sight and considering it via human observations, (instead of going by faith on God to protect them) and in their trying to do so "they were drowned."

Again, that is how God used that little three-month-old baby boy, who was under His care from the very beginning (because of the 'fruits of God's teaching' being followed in the life of his parents).

However, Moses had many difficult things to meet during his forty years in the wilderness and in his role as a leader of the Israelites. But, at every tough place or decision, he 'went to God in prayer', and always depended on divine wisdom from God. After walking for three days, and finally finding water, they then discovered it was bitter. Of course they were very discouraged. Four million people in a dry desert, enduring the sand, the heat and dust all day, and then not being able to drink the water. A genuine child of God, however, won't allow such things to discourage them, and Moses was not discouraged even though the people were very upset. They said, "You have brought us here to kill us with thirst."

A person taught by God knows that He (God) can handle any human situation, no matter what the danger, risk, or the human impossibility of the situation. Moses knew what he was doing when he refused to stay in the Egyptian palace. He was now heading for Heaven, instead of to the Lake of Fire (resulting from the 'fruits of God's teaching with his parents). What 'outstanding fruit' of Moses' right decision. If Moses had stayed in Egypt; if he had decided differently, his story could not have been told, and his example not have been possible. But being 'a man of God' who was taught by God and led by Him, and trained by Him, ..realized and knew the value of righteous life in God.

So, instead of Moses being discouraged and giving up (the Pastor said), he went to God in prayer and placed those situations before Him. There is the 'fruit of being taught by God', that no matter what happens, no matter what confronts us, nothing can do us harm or deprive us 'when it is placed in God's hands'. He conquers everything, and there is not anything that He cannot deliver us, from. He is the same God today, as He was then, and He is well worth knowing.

In all of this, Eternal Life is involved. Eternity is far too long for us to risk not receiving it. There should be no person or thing in our life; money, possessions, reputation, social standing, or anything else imaginable that would stand between us and Eternal Life. Nothing should hinder even for a second, our walk toward that goal.

[We are responsible to meet every circumstance right and according to Scripture. If we are not being treated as we would like to be treated, or we have been mistreated by someone, .. we must 'look at ourselves' 'not at the other person,' and we must ask God to show us why we are not protected from being mistreated.]

The troubles, the sufferings, and torments of this life cannot be compared to that dreadful Lake of Fire. And it doesn't make any difference how difficult or how bad the situation is here, we can and will have our deliverance if we hold steady in faith on God, Who is unmovable and cannot be proven unfaithful. 'If God seems to be far away from us', 'let us not be mistaken about who moved.'

The terrible suffering in Gehenna that never ends is too terrible to consider. The anguish and torment just increases as the endless time of eternity goes by, and there is never an end; never any relief, it just continues forever.

Then, if one were to think of their relatives and family, heading to that same dreadful fate when their life on earth is through --how terrible that would be. And to realize that it was all our own fault because it did not have to be that way. We could have been in Heaven, had we made 'the right choice' to allow God to train us as Moses' parents did, and so, bear the 'fruits and results of His teaching in our life and our loved ones).

We can have 'our loved ones with us in eternity', just as Moses' parents did, as the result of the fruits of their right heart attitude to God and obeying His Word at the risk of their life (and, the same as anyone else in the Bible who gave God opportunity to teach them).

The 'Right Choice' matters; and it is 'the fruit of God's training'.



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