

## MOSES FACE TO FACE: Dt. 34:10

### INTRO:

- What is my prayer for each of us as we travel through 2024?
- It is our primary calling, the purpose of existence, the goal toward which we must press.
- To grow in our relationship with God.
- Not just a growing head knowledge, but a personal inner knowing and growing and a conforming into His image.
- This is why we are saved.
  - What is the chief end of man? that we may glorify God and enjoy Him forever!
- It is essential that we know what God's call primarily is about in our lives, what is it that God is primarily after in me?
  - **Jer. 9:23-24;**
  - 2 Cor. 4:6; For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ
- Let us take a brief look at the life of Moses, stopping first in the book of Deuteronomy, then spending majority of our time in the book of Exodus.
  - **Deut. 34:10**
- How was it that Moses above all other prophets of Israel, God knew face to face. With an intimacy above all others?
- How did Moses rise to this amazing designation?
- What took place in his life and what may I learn from his life?
- The theme of the book of Exodus is Redemption.
- After chapter 2 the book only covers approximately 2 years. (ex. 40:17)

### 5 Phases in Moses's life:

#### 1) THE BIRTH. **Ex. 2:1-10**

- Moses: Drawn out, lifted out. (Vs. 10)
- Water a type of death.
- He was drawn out that he may be drawn in, lifted out that he may be lifted up.
- We to have been drawn/lifted out;
  - Col. 1:13; He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

#### 2) HUMAN FAILURE: **Ex. 2:11-14, Acts 7:23-28,**

- Moses knew all the wisdom and skill of an Egyptian prince, (Acts 7:22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

- Yet he did not know God, had not the wisdom which comes from above, from God.
- God could not use his natural strengths and abilities, it was not these things that would glorify God, save and deliver Israel.
- He was like Peter who drew the sword to protect Jesus and save him from the Romans.
- The flesh could not take Israel out of Egypt nor could it take Egypt out of Moses, Moses must first leave Egypt and launch out in faith, which faith would rest in God, not man.

### 3) BREAKING OF THE NATURAL MAN: EX. 2:16-3:1

- 40 years in the back side of the desert.
- Living in the wild rough desert so unlike the luxury and pleasure of an Egyptian palace.
- No longer the grandson of Pharaoh, but an orphan of the desert.
- Serving a desert herdsman, being broken, humbled and all his dreams lay as ashes at his feet.
- His once immense confidence in his abilities, aspirations gone. All had fallen dead there in that wilderness.
- It would seem that all hopes, all dreams of being a deliverer of his people had died and lay dead at his feet. Dried up and blown away by the heat of 40 years in the desert.
- 40 years of God's discipline and breaking had done its work.

### 4) THE SENDING OF MOSES: 3:2-4:17...

#### 3:2-10

- God first reveals to Moses Himself: I am God; 3:6
- God then show him his omniscience and empathy. 3:7.
- God then shows him his plan. 3:8,10

### 5) GOD'S FELLOWSHIP WITH MOSES:

- Ex. 24:12,15,18,
- Ex. 33:7-11, 13, 18-23.
- Num. 12:6-8
- Deut. 34:5-12

### CONCLUSION THE GOAL OF KNOWING GOD:

- Jn. 17:22-24
- May it not be said of us as it was with the disciples; "have I been so long with you and yet you do not know me?" (Jn. 14:9)
- Jn. 17:3; this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- Take time to pray, to be still before Him. know Him.