

Study Guide: “Faith that Flees the Fleeting Pleasures of Sin”

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Introduction

Read Hebrews 11:24-29.

I. Moses shows us a Model for our faith

- In verses 24-26, what different verbs do you find? What is their connection and/or progression?
- The Greek word translated “considered” in verse 26 is the same word found in 1 Timothy 1:12 and Philippians 1:7. How do these verses help you understand the force behind this verb? What are the two things being “considered”? Which of these two do you know more about? How does this inform you of the worth of the other?
- In verse 25, what is the cause of the mistreatment from Moses’ choice? Do you ever feel that this association can cause mistreatment? How so? Can you think of a time when you have disassociated yourself from these people?
- What was the result of Moses refusal to be called son of the Pharaoh’s daughter? What was Moses giving up? What did it cause him to eventually do? (see verse 27). In what ways do you need to cut yourself off from the pleasures of sin?

II. Moses shows us the Means for our faith

Read Exodus 1:8-14

- What was the condition of the Israelites in Egypt? Were they able to flee Egypt? The Exodus of the Old Testament is a fantastic type of salvation accomplished by Christ. As the Israelites were slaves to Egypt, people are slaves to sin. It is not possible to “flee” from sin on your own initiative. You may be able to flee one particular sinful habit, but you often do so by replacing it with another.
- Read Hebrews 11:28-29. When does this take place in the life of Moses? How many years have passed? When Moses returns to Egypt, he comes for the people. He becomes the means of their rescue from slavery. How does this help you better understand how you break free from your slavery to sin?
- Who does not survive the rescue? What is the difference between those who make it through on dry land and those that drown?

Moses was a type of Christ in his earlier actions of considering, choosing, and refusing.

- According to Hebrews 12:2, what did Jesus consider? What were his choices? What does that say about the value he places on his people?
- When Jesus chooses to associate with the people of God, what is the result?

Wrap-up

- Faith that flees the fleeting pleasure of sin is faith that considers carefully the nature of sin’s pleasure and the nature of God’s reward. How can you do that the next time you find yourself tempted?
- Faith that flees the fleeting pleasure of sin is faith that chooses to associate with God’s people. How will you do this in the future?
- Faith that flees the fleeting pleasure of sin is faith that cuts yourself off from a return. What do you need to do to cut yourself off from returning to sin patterns that you struggle with?