

The Unseen God

Exodus 11 – 12

By faith [Moses] left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.

By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.
(Hebrews 11:27-29, NASB)

We are saved by God's grace as we trust Him.

By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8, NASB)

But salvation by grace through faith didn't begin in the New Testament. It is seen throughout the Old Testament.

Then [Abraham] believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.
(Genesis 15:6, NASB)

Repeatedly, God's people were "saved" - that is, rescued from many types of danger and oppression - as they trusted their God. That's the picture we're given of Moses here.

- By his faith, God used him to lead an entire people out of slavery in Egypt, in spite of the determined and angry opposition of a powerful king (Hebrews 11:27).
- By faith Moses and Israel celebrated the Passover even as the angel of death was "passing over" them. They celebrated God's deliverance while it was still happening. They trusted God enough to obediently sprinkle blood on the doorposts of their homes (Hebrews 11:28). They believed that God was true to His promise and would spare their lives while all the other firstborn of Egypt were dying.
- By faith, when seemingly trapped by the Egyptian army, they marched through the Red Sea with walls of water standing on each side. Every Israelite was saved. Every Egyptian drowned (Hebrews 11:29).

How did Moses do all this while embroiled in such turmoil and danger? Verse 27 beautifully sums up his faith:

He endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. (NASB)

Faith made the unseen God real to Moses. Faith was his *conviction of things not seen* (Hebrews 11:1). He knew that God was sovereign in heaven and earth. God was always completely trustworthy, no matter what threats and darkness were swirling around. Such faith gave him the confidence to endure any opposition and face any challenge.

*Father, throughout history those who pleased You
had to ignore the pressure of the world around them and
simply, actively, boldly trust You.
Noah, Abraham, Moses, the prophets—
they kept their eyes on You and thus
walked a higher road,
no matter what it cost.
I want to one of them.*

Hymn: [Blind Faith](#)

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