

Moses: The Great Deliverer

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➤ Intro:

- a “deliverer” (*rhuomai*) is one who *rescues and preserves from danger*
 - **illus.: God** is the Deliverer of His people (2 Sam. 22:2)
 - **illus.: Othniel and Ehud** were called deliverers in a military sense (Judg. 3:9, 15)
- **Moses was ordained by God to deliver His people** from Egyptian bondage, give them the law, and lead them to the promised land
- **lesson:** Moses, the Great Deliverer
 - apply lessons from Moses to become better leaders (help people be delivered from sin by God)

➤ God uses His children in the deliverance of people

- **Ex. 3:8a, 10; Acts 7:33-34** God used Moses in the deliverance of His people
- - **Acts 7:35** Moses is called a deliverer, because He did the work God ordained, to deliver His people
 - God was the actual deliverer, but did so through Moses
- - **Rom. 11:25-26** Jesus is our Deliverer from sin, evil – He preserves us
 - **1 Cor. 10:4** Jesus was the spiritual rock from which the Israelites drank in the wilderness
 - **Deut. 18:15** Jesus is the prophet whom God raised up as foretold of by Moses
 - **Eph. 5:23** Jesus is Savior (deliverer, preserver) of the body (church)
 - **Heb. 9:15** Jesus is Moses’ Deliverer, redeeming him from his sins committed under the 1st covenant
- - **2 Cor. 5:20** God used the apostles as ambassadors, in the deliverance of people
 - God making an appeal through them, on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God
- - **Matt. 28:19-20a** God uses the disciples – teach, make disciples
 - **2 Tim. 2:2** every generation entrusts word to faithful men who can likewise go out and teach
- **application:**
 - God uses Christians to help deliver people, by doing His will upon the earth
 - many areas we can help the Lord deliver people – church, family, friends, work, community

➤ **Character of a person who helps God deliver people**

- **humble**

- **Num. 12:3** Moses most humble man on face of earth
- **Phil. 2:3-4, 5-8** Christians humble themselves, the same attitude as Christ
- **Ja. 4:6** God gives grace to the humble

➤ - **withstand rejection**

- **Acts 7:35-36** Moses rejected by Israelites (vs. 35a; cf. vs. 25)
 - he didn't give up, but responded when God called Him in Midian at age 80

➤ - **Acts 4:11-12** Jesus was rejected

- He didn't give up, or let that stop Him from completing His Father's will
- **Christians are rejected by people who reject Jesus** – word
 - **can't let that stop us** from obeying God, completing His word
 - **can't allow ourselves to be silenced** with peer pressure

➤ - **persevere** (bear up under trials)

- **Moses**

- Moses fled to Midian after rejected by Israel, 40 years later he returned when called by God
- continued going to Pharaoh and speak the word of God, over and over, though rejected
- continued leading Israel though they continually grumbled and complained and spoke ill of him

- **Jesus**

- author and perfecter of our faith, endured the cross, despising the shame, endured hostility by sinners against Himself (**Heb. 12:2-3**)

- **Christians**

- **Matt. 5:10-12** rejoice and be glad when persecuted, because great is your reward in heaven

➤ - **personal sacrifice**

- **Heb. 11:24-26** Moses left Pharaoh's house to suffer with the children of God

- **1 Pet. 2:21-25** Jesus personally sacrificed Himself for us – redeemed us with His blood

- **Rom. 15:3** Jesus didn't please Himself, but took our reproaches upon Himself

- **Phil. 2:5-8** Jesus left heaven, emptying Himself, taking form of slave, obedient to death on the cross

- **Eph. 5:1-2** Christians walk in love, sacrificial lives, giving ourselves up, as Jesus sacrificed Himself

- **Rom. 12:1** present our bodies living sacrifices, which is our spiritual service of worship

- **Heb. 13:15** continually offering up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name

- **all of us want to do everything we can to help people come to God, but it begins with have the character we should have, before we can help others**

- **Actions of a person who is helping God deliver people** – character (above) results in certain actions
 - live by faith, and lead others in doing the same
 - **Rom. 1:16-17** we live by faith, in obedience to the **gospel**, which is the **power of God to salvation**
 - **Heb. 10:35-39** to walk by faith we must **faithfully serve God**, not throw away our confidence, endure, not shrink back, faith to the preserving of the soul
 - **1 Pet. 2:21-25** walking in footsteps of Jesus, lead other to heaven, showing them how to follow Jesus
 - - pray
 - **2 Cor. 1:8-11** Corinthians helped Paul (deliverance) by praying (vs. 11)
 - **Eph. 6:19-20** Ephesians helped Paul by praying that he spoke the mystery with boldness, as an ambassador in chains
 - **Ja. 5:16** the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much
 - - help build God's house (1 Tim. 3:15, church)
 - **Heb. 3:1-6** Jesus and Moses were builders of God's house
 - **1 Cor. 3:5-9, 10** we are planting, watering, but God gives the increase – building
 - **Are you helping God build His house** – Jesus and apostles are the foundation (Eph. 2:20)
 - - reprove, rebuke, exhort
 - **illus.: Moses, Israel, golden calf**
 - **illus.: Jesus, Pharisees**
 - **illus.: elders**, able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict (Tit. 1:9)
 - **2 Tim. 4:2** reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction
 - **illus.: parents**
 - **Gal. 6:1** spiritual, restore one caught in a trespass in a spirit of gentleness, looking to yourself so not tempted.
 - **summary**
 - **do you need to make changes to do a better job helping to build God's house – helping God deliver**

➤ **Mistakes we're prone to make**

- **lose patience with sinful people**

- **2 Tim. 2:24-26** **patient when wronged**, gently correcting, so they might come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved

- **1 Cor. 13:4** **love is patient**

- **1 Th. 5:14** **we are to admonish** the unruly, **encourage** the fainthearted, **help** the weak, **be patient with everyone**

➤ - **grow weary, lose heart in doing good**

- **Heb. 12:3** **consider Jesus** who endured hostility by sinners, so you will **not grow weary and lose heart**

- **Gal. 6:9** **not lose heart in doing good**, for in due time we will reap if we don't grow weary

- **strengthen yourself with God's word (Rom. 1:16)**

- **don't give up** trying to reach people with the gospel, be patient with all, no matter what they do to you

- **not lose heart in doing good**

Summary / Inv.

- **summary:**

- **Character** of a person who helps God deliver people

- humble, withstand rejection, persevere, personal sacrifice

- **Actions** of a person who is helping God deliver people

- live by faith, and lead others in doing the same

- pray

- help build God's house

- reprove, rebuke, exhort

- **avoid common mistakes**, strengthened by God through His word, faithful and working for life

- lose patience with sinful people

- grow weary, lose heart in doing good

- **in all our roles** in life, we can help God deliver people from sin, and preserve them

- church, Family, friends, work, community (citizens)

- are you doing the best you can do. . . .

- **inv.:** if you're not a Christian. . . . / if you've lost heart and need to come back to the Lord. . . .