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WHEN MOSES FORSOOK THE EGYPTIAN THRONE

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
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HEBREWS 11:27

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Grace means all that God is free to do for us because of the cross. If you are a believer, God has a plan for your life, which plan was designed in eternity past. At the moment of salvation, God provided 36 things for you which are non-revokable. He will always provide everything that you need.

1. He provides the textbook, the Bible.
2. He provides the classroom, the church.
3. He provides the pastor-teacher to teach you doctrine.

This is the way for the believer to reach super grace. God has written two paragraphs for every believer of all the ages--One is a paragraph for super grace living here, and the other is a paragraph concerning surpassing grace blessings for eternity.

Let us get a corrected translation of verses 24-26 before we come to verse 27.

Verse 24

"By means of doctrine resident in the soul, when Moses had become great he refused to be proclaimed the son, the crown prince, the heir apparent of the daughter of Pharaoh (Hatshepset)."

Verse 25

"Rather having chosen to endure maltreatment with the people of God (Moses identified himself with a people in slavery) then to keep having temporary pleasures from sin." (With all this, he was the most humble man that ever lived.)

Verse 26

"Having concluded on the basis of doctrine resident in the soul that the reproach from Christ (divine discipline) is greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. For you see, he kept concentrating on the reward."

Seven Characteristics Of The Decision Of Moses

1. This decision was made at the time when Moses was a great man, the greatest man in all of Egypt. It was not made as a reaction to any disappointment or disillusionment Moses had. It was not a reactionary decision but was truly motivated by the will of God for him.
2. This decision was made when Moses was fully mature. This was not a youth decision.
3. This decision was made when Moses was spiritually mature. It was not an emotional response.
4. This decision of Moses was made when Israel was at her lowest time in all her history. They were enslaved people with no hope of liberation.
5. Moses made this decision when he was aware of having temporary pleasure from sin. The flesh pots of Egypt were well known to Moses.

6. Moses made this decision by having maximum resident doctrine in his soul.
7. Moses made this decision based on the divine viewpoint of life. He took the long look at history. Discipline from God was greater to him than all the pleasures of sin in Egypt.

Verse 27 "By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." We begin with the instrumental of pistis--"By doctrine resident in the soul." You can't be prepared for life unless you have doctrine resident in the soul. We next read, "He forsook" and this is the aorist, active indicative of kataleipo and this word deals with a great principle and gives emphasis to two sides of a decision. This is the negative side of the decision. This is a constantive aorist and gathers into one lump everything that went into this decision.

1. There is no contradiction between Hebrews 11:27 and Exodus 2:11 and 15.
2. This constantive aorist gathers into one lump all that went into that decision in the life of Moses whereby he gave up Egypt and human celebrityship.
3. This is an additional explanation of what was studied in verse 24.
4. The temporary failure of Moses in attempting to deliver Israel in his own strength is not an issue--he recovered from that energy-of-the-flesh failure and went on and did it God's way.
5. There is no contradiction between Hebrews 11:27 and Exodus 2:11-15. This decision of Moses is the result of super grace resident in his soul. What he did in killing the Egyptian is the mechanical failure of wrong execution of a right decision. This was a temporary slip on the road of a right decision.
6. In other words, Moses' decision to renounce the throne of Egypt was one of the greatest decisions ever made in the history of the world and was made on the basis of doctrine resident in his soul.
7. But Moses' instant decision to kill the Egyptian overseer was a part of the wrong function in his going to the people, believing they would be ready immediately to follow his leadership. He was God's man for the delivery of Israel, and he knew it, but he incorrectly assumed that it could be accomplished instantly. (We make this same mistake many times when we run ahead of God and lack patience.)
8. The explanation is given in Acts 7:25 in the death speech of Stephen. Moses supposed something, but the Jews did not understand.
9. In other words, the decision of Moses to renounce the throne of Egypt was the great decision of a super grace hero. The decision of Moses was not only a great one, but the greatest decision that this super grace hero ever made. But his decision to go immediately as the deliverer of Israel was premature, and he had to wait on God's calendar.
10. God would use Moses to deliver the Jews from slavery, but not until the next generation. God's timing was perfect and Moses' timing was forty years off course. Moses was not lined up with God's timing. You have to be prepared for freedom and it would take God forty more years to let the people get ready for his deliverance. That generation was not prepared for deliverance.

11. It would be the children of Moses' contemporary generation that would be delivered from slavery.

Principles Of The Interpretations We Have Made Thus Far

1. The mention here is of Moses renouncing the throne of Egypt making way for the coming of Thutmose III to the throne.
2. Moses went to the people to deliver them (Exodus 2:11-15) and he was wrong in assuming that the Jews knew God was going to deliver them by him--but they didn't. (Acts 7:25) This word "forsook Egypt" is active voice and it means Moses produced the action of this verb--he produced it as a super grace believer. The indicative mood is declarative and it declares a fact of historical dogmatic reality.

Next we have the words "Not fearing" and this is an aorist, passive, participle of phobeo. "Not being afraid."

THE DOCTRINE OF FEAR

1. Fear is a mental attitude and a mental attitude sin. (1 Samuel 17:11 and 24) Like all mental attitude sins, it attacks the soul and the soul is the lifeline of the body. The real you is the soul.
2. Fear is a sign of reversionism. (1 Samuel 18:12 and 29, 21:12, 28:20)
3. Lack of fear is a part of mental attitude dynamics. (Hebrews 13:6 and 11:27)
4. Legitimate fear is related to the failure of the super grace believer failing to claim the promises of God. (Hebrews 4:1)
5. Love is the absence of fear. Love is basically a mental attitude. (1 John 4:18)
6. Fear is not a part of the divine plan for the believer. (Someone has said about the ten commandments that if God were permissive, then we would have had the ten suggestions.) (Exodus 14:13-14, Joshua 8:1, Isaiah 41:10, 2 Samuel 1:7)
7. Courage and the lack of fear is the sign of super grace status. (Psalm 3:6, 56:3 and 11, Hebrews 11:27)
8. Fear is used for occupation with Christ when a believer is in super grace status and fear means "occupation with." (2 Samuel 23:3, Neh. 5:9 and 15, Eph. 5:21, Job 28:28, Psalm 19:9 and 34:10, Prov. 1:7, 9:10, 10:27, 1 Peter 2:17)

It is said here of Moses, "Not being afraid." This is a constantive aorist and this gathers into one lump all the times when he refused to be afraid of Thutmose III. Hatshepsut was the Queen Regent after her husband Thutmose II had died (she poisoned him). She had three children in the palace, Moses, Thutmose III and Nerfurere. They grew up in

the palace together. Thutmose III was a genius and became the greatest Pharaoh Egypt ever had. But Moses was superior to Thutmose III in every area. Moses was minus fear and had the plus of Bible Doctrine. Many men would have been frightened to death for in his abdication of this would-be-throne, he was asking for assassination. Then we have "of the wrath" and this is the accusative singular of thumos. "Of the king" is the genitive singular of basileus. Thutmose III came to the throne immediately. This part of Egyptian history is documented very carefully.

Next we have "for he endured." The explanatory gar, so we will translate it "for, you see." Then the aorist, active, indicative of katereoo and this means to be strong under pressure. This is a culminative aorist with the emphasis on the results. He was able to handle every adversity. Next we have "as long as" from hos and the present, active, participle of blepo. The word for "invisible" is aeoratos and it means "the invisible one" and it refers to the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, in this verse we have, "By means of doctrine resident in the soul, he (Moses) gave up the throne of Egypt not being afraid of the anger of the King (Thutmose III) for, you see, he became strong under pressure as long as he kept seeing the invisible one."

He took his eyes off the invisible one and gave a karate chop to an Egyptian taskmaster and killed him right on the spot. Moses really didn't know his own strength. "He became strong under pressure as long as he kept seeing the invisible one."

This leads to occupation with Christ.

1. DEFINITION AND DESCRIPTION OF OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST.

- a. Occupation with Christ is the highest spiritual function of the believer in time.
- b. It is category one love of the super grace believer or the mature believer toward Christ.
- c. Since Christ is the manifest person of the Godhead, it becomes maximum love toward the second person of the Godhead.
- d. Therefore, occupation with Christ is the maximum love of a believer for God. (Deut. 6:5)

Hebrews 12:1-2

"A battalion, a cloud of witnesses surrounding us--Having removed every impediment, and the easily ensnaring sin (by rebound) let us advance on the run with endurance to the perfect objective (super grace). Be looking toward Jesus, our prince ruler, even the one who brings us to the super grace objective by means of doctrine resident in the soul. Jesus, who instead of his always present happiness, endured the cross, having disregarded the ignominy, at the right hand of God, he sat down, with the result that he remains seated in the highest place of honor."

2. OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST BRINGS THE BELIEVER INTO THE SUPER GRACE LIVE. (Col. 3:16-17)

"And the doctrine from the Christ, let it keep on dwelling inside to the point of wealth in all wisdom teaching and warning self and others by grace in your hearts keep singing to the Lord by song of praise by means of spiritual things. Verse 17--And all in whatever things you do in words or deed, keep doing all things by the person of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Occupation with Christ therefore becomes the greatest motive in life. "Constantly giving thanks to God even the Father through him."

3. OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST GLORIFIES GOD.

(Ephesians 3:19-21)

"And come to know the surpassing knowledge love of Christ (this is occupation with Christ) that you might be filled up with all the fullness from God. Verse 20 - Now to the one himself being able, far beyond all things, to do infinitely more than that which we could ask or be imagining, according to the power being effective in us. Verse 21 - To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus with reference to all generations."

This is the way to glorify Christ. To be occupied with him.

4. BY MEANS OF OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST, WE COME TO APPROPRIATE ALL OF GOD'S GREAT GRACE PROVISIONS.

The persistent taking in of doctrine produces maximum occupation with Christ in the soul.

The textbook is the Bible.

The classroom is the local church.

The pastor-teacher is the one called to give doctrine.

Apart from this, God has no system for our advance. Our own accomplishments of human effort can never be compared with God's production in our souls through grace.

(Jeremiah 9:23-24)

"Thus sayeth the Lord the wise man shall not boast in his wisdom. Furthermore, the successful man shall not boast in his success and the rich man shall not boast in his riches. Verse 24 - "For the one boasting (the reversionist) let him boast in this principle, to be caused to understand (doctrine) and prosper even to know me (occupation with Christ). I, the Lord, manufacture grace. I also manufacture judgment (discipline) and justice in the earth (God is fair) For in this I take pleasure declares the Lord."

Ephesians 4:20, "But you, members of the royal family of God, have not been taught in this manner in Christ."

Ephesians 3:18-19, "In order that ye might have the complete ability (living grace) to comprehend in the company of all the saints (the local church) what is the breadth and length and depth and height and come to know the surpassing knowledge love of Christ. In order that you might be filled up in all the super grace blessings from God."

5. OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST ELIMINATES THE SUPERFICIALITIES OF HUMAN CELEBRITYSHIP.

Philippians 3:7-8

"But what categories of things were gains to me or advantages to me, these same things I, myself, have concluded loss or disadvantage because of Christ." (This was the testimony of Cass and Steel Pierson--occupation with Christ).

Coming up later on in this 11th chapter of Hebrews are all kinds of tortures and sufferings beyond description, and the thing that will make the difference in the soul is Bible doctrine. The verse we have just studied says, "As long as he kept seeing the invisible one."

Verse 8 - "More emphatically, therefore, even I also myself conclude the all things of human achievement and celebrityship to be loss for the sake of the surpassing greatness of the knowledge of Jesus Christ (this is occupation with Christ) because of whom (Christ) I have forfeited the all things of human celebrityship and keep on concluding them piles of dung, in order that I may gain Christ, seizing and holding the high ground of the super grace life."

Only Bible Doctrine produces beauty of soul.

6. OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST MOTIVATES THE PASTOR-TEACHER TO COMMUNICATE DOCTRINE SO THAT THE ROYAL FAMILY REACHES THE OBJECTIVE.

Hebrews 6:10

This passage is addressed to the pastor-teacher.

"For the God is not unjust to disregard your occupation. (God is aware of our occupation.) Also the love which ye yourselves have demonstrated with reference to his person. Having ministered the Word with reference to the saints and continue to minister the Word."

You can't consistently study and teach the Word of God without reaching super grace.

7. THE MECHANICS OF GRACE PERCEPTION PRODUCE DYNAMICS OF OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST.

James 1:19

"Know this, my beloved brethren, Everyone keep on being swift for the purpose of hearing, slow for the purpose of talking, slow with reference to anger."

James 1:21

"Wherefore, having removed all pollution (mental attitude sins) and receive and retain in the spirit of meekness the impregnated word which is able to deliver your soul."

James 2:20, "But are ye able to learn, O empty of doctrine man? That doctrine apart from production is unemployed."

James 2:21, "Abraham our Father not from the source of works, was he vindicated, having offered up Isaac his adult son on the altar, you see at a glance how doctrine kept working together with production and from the source of production the doctrine was completed, and the scripture was fulfilled which said, Abraham believed the God and it was credited to his account for righteousness. And from saving grace to super grace, he was designated lover of God." (This is occupation with Christ.)

8. THE ILLUSTRATION OF OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST IS FOUND IN THE DOCTRINE OF RIGHT MAN AND RIGHT WOMAN. (Ephesians 5:25-33)

9. OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST IS RELATED TO THE STRATEGIC VICTORY IN THE ANGELIC CONFLICT. (Colossians 3:1-2)

"If therefore you have been raised in the Christ (positional sanctification) keep on desiring to possess and endeavoring to obtain the above things--where the Christ is sitting on the right hand side of the God. Keep thinking objectively about above things and not things on the earth."

10. GET SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST.

1. The super grace believer contributes to national blessing. (Deut. 30:15 and 16 and 20)
2. Occupation with Christ produces combat courage and victory in battle. (Joshua 23:10 and 11)
3. Occupation with Christ is the basis for preservation in testing. (Psalm 31:23 and 24)
4. Occupation with Christ is the basis for stability and great happiness. (Psalm 16:8 and 9)
5. Occupation with Christ results in super grace blessings. (Psalm 37:4 and 5)
6. Occupation with Christ is the basis for strength under pressure. (Hebrews 11:27)
7. Occupation with Christ avoids boredom and soul fatigue. (Hebrews 12:3)