

"A Mother's Reward"
Exodus 2:1-10
Mother's Day May 14, 2023

William Stewart Ross, "For the hand that rocks the cradle Is the hand that rules the world."

"Motherhood Is The Essence Of Womanhood."

God's Plan: Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother,

The Motherhood Is Modeled by the Mother of Moses: She had a faith in God, and a relationship that radically affected the way she raised Moses.

Thought Of Our Passage: "A Mother's Faith Is Witnessed Through Protection, Nurturing Of Her Children, And Knowing That God The Rewarder Is In Ultimate Control."

- 1. Verses 1-3 Mother's Faith**
- 2. Verses 4-8 Mother's Dependence**
- 3. Verses 9-10 Mother's Reward**

1. Verses 1-3 Mother's Faith:

Exodus 2:1 Now a man from the house of Levi Who was this man?
Exodus 6:20 Amram married his father's sister Jochebed,
(Numbers 26:59)

Amram - "Inexperienced"

went and married a daughter of Levi. Levites were the ministers of God.

Jochebed – "Jehovah is our glory, or her glory, Glory of Jehovah."

Mothers, Are You Convinced Of Your Salvation? Mothers need God first.

Moses Was Born In Hard Times:

A Time of Bondage - Exodus 1:11

A Time of Ethnic Cleansing – Murder of Jewish male babies –
Exodus 1:16

Exodus 1:17 - Acts 5:29 We must obey God rather than men.

Exodus 2:2 woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful – "charming, choice, pleasant, agreeable"

Acts 7:20

Every mother needs to see each child as beautiful; That they are special to God, a gift from Him.

she hid him for three months. Why did she hide him?

The Bible Says: Hebrews 11:23 By faith

Exodus 2:2-3 says that it was the mother. **Acts 7:20** says that it was his father's house. **Hebrews 11:23** (Both Parents)

That is God's design, husband and wife walking together with Jesus Christ. (Husband/Father Support)

she hid him for three months. Every Mother/Father should seek direction as to how to protect their child from Physical/Spiritual Harm.

Exodus 2:3 But when she could hide him no longer, the time came. **I don't know and it does not tell us what the sign or signal was.**

Hebrews 11:23 three months

she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Papyrus reeds that were woven into baskets, then a layer of clay, and tar to waterproof. **(Tar and Pitch, is Prayer, and Faith every godly mother knows.)**

Then she put the child into it, and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. Hebrews 11:1

True faith has substance and is backed by evidence. (Beautiful Child/Faith)

The Nile Was The Place of Death. Exodus 1:22

Only Faith In God Can Save Us. Only trusting in Jesus Christ can deliver us from the death in the river.

"Feed your fears and your faith will starve to death."

2. Verses 4-8 Mother's Dependence:

Exodus 2:4 His sister stood at a distance This sister was **Miriam.** That's all we can do at times is stand and watch.

God was going to work, God had revealed that the child was special, God had led her to keep him for three months, God led her as to how to preserve his life!

Exodus 2:5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to **bathe** at the Nile, to perform her religious washings, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile.

Romans 8:28

saw the basket among the reeds, Story of **Zaccheus Luke 19:5**

Exodus 2:6 When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying.

Dr. Warren Wiersbe Said, "God can use the weakest things to defeat the mightiest enemies. A baby's tears were God's first weapons in His war against Egypt."

And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

Exodus 2:7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, Miriam was there watching so she stepped in. Which took faith, to approach Pharaoh's daughter (Royalty)

"Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"

Exodus 2:8 "Go ahead." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Only God can set up something like this.

3. Verses 9-10 Mother's Reward:

Exodus 2:9 "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I shall give you your wages." This is the first time that I am aware that a Mother got paid for being a Mother.

What would Jochebed say to the question, who is your Boss/Employer? (She would laugh and say, of course it is the Lord!) God gave her the desire of her heart!

So the woman took the child and nursed him. There is no better school or training center than that of a godly mother.

Jochebed did one of the greatest works recorded in the Bible. and nursed him, Hannah **1 Samuel** nursed little Samuel.

She Mothered A Son. Who Fathered A Nation. Who Blessed The World.

Exodus 2:10 The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter,

She had him for about three years. That time was filled with her teaching little Moses who he was and who he belonged to.

and he became her son. It was only for a time.

And she named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

Moses – *"Drawn forth, taken out of the water" or "The delivered became the deliverer."*

Application:

- 1.** Mothers, Are You Convinced Of Your Salvation? Mothers need God.
- 2.** Mothers, Don't Get Short Sighted And Miss The Big Picture As To What Is Being Accomplished On A Daily Basis.
- 3.** Mothers, Are You Committed To Being Godly? (If married) – Being a godly mother involves being a godly wife.
- 4.** Mothers, Are You Committed To The Bible And Growing In Your Faith? Living out daily your trust in God.