



Mighty in the Word

*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).*

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Moses Was Asking for It!

Moses was asking for it when he chose to walk in obedience to the call of the Lord God Almighty, when he realized he was not of royal blood, and chose to walk away from a life that was in the king's palace - to find his birth parents who were not Egyptians, but Israelites. This was the beginning of a life lived for the Lord God.

Moses' eyes are opened, and he sees that his people are oppressed. Can you imagine having the "world" before you, having whatever you want, but then when you awaken to who you are and what is going on around you, oppression on every side – and you choose to care for a people whose lives are worthless to the monarchy? And, then the Lord God calls Moses to walk in obedience to Him, and lead His people out of the oppression to the Promised Land, a people whom Moses finds not always willing to trust in the Lord God, a people who blames Moses for the hard times in their walk through the desert towards a promised land.

Moses is sent to deliver the children of Israel, and Moses goes before the Pharaoh endeavoring to free his people to leave Egypt. After much struggle, the Israelites leave on their journey to leave Egypt and, as they are readying to cross the Red Sea, Pharaoh has a change of heart, and tries to bring the children of Israel back to serve him.

God opens the Red Sea for them to cross on dry land. Oh! What a miracle. Think of the numbers of people that crossed on dry land and those Egyptians who died trying to get to the Israelites when the Red Sea closes on them. Think of the miracle! Oh, the power of the Lord God Almighty!

But then, the Israelites, like us, I fear, begin murmuring at the first lame excuse they can. They begin going against Moses blaming him for leading them into the desert, and how that what was once so available is no longer so easily had.

Well, let us look at that. Their people were oppressed in a measure that is beyond my knowing. They are happy to leave Egypt, but when life is not easy, they begin complaining, though they are not oppressed – and the Lord is providing for them as they go. Forty years they are left in the desert because of their unbelief, because of their complaining and even – listen to this, even wanting to return to Egypt! They are a people full of themselves, not listening to the Lord God; they go against the

Oh, I understand Moses' desire that the Lord would show His glory to Him, but I wonder when "Moses was asking for it," if Moses understood that when we seek more and more of the Lord, the enemy comes in like a flood to turn everything upside down, and awry for us, with his followers fighting against whatever the Lord instructed Moses to do.

Moses experienced the glory of the Lord, and that is what gave him strength to go on when the children of Israel rose up before him, and gathered themselves together against Moses (Numb 16.3).

And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *[Ye take]* too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *[are]* holy, every one of them, and the LORD *[is]* among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

Are you willing to pay the price to walk on with the Lord at all costs as was Moses, and many, all through history, who loved the Lord with their lives?

Are you seeking more and more of the Lord?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

one the Lord chose to lead them to the Promised Land. These people do not go to the Promised Land.

Oh, my prayer is, Lord Jesus Christ, forgive me of my complainings, forgive me when I have faltered and have taken my eyes off of You, when I have looked down and around. Oh, Jesus, I do not want to miss going to the Promised Land, to heaven (Rev 7.9-17), and miss seeing You. Forgive me and strengthen me that I might with joy and peace walk on with You, Lord Jesus Christ, walking in obedience to the call You have on my life – come what may. Help me to trust You, Lord, though I may be walking through the desert. Help me to keep my eyes upon You, and my heart turned to You through it all.

How many times do we ask of the Lord Jesus Christ, not realizing what we are asking, not realizing there is a cost, not realizing it is putting our lives on the line for the glory of the Lord.

Moses asked of the Lord that he might see the glory of the Lord in Exodus 33.18.

And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

The Lord honored the request of Moses. However, read on in Exodus and in the next chapter, the Lord God tells Moses to prepare to come up unto Him (Ex 34.1-3).

And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon *[these]* tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

When I read of the glorious experiences of God's chosen vessels who were so willing for the Lord to do with them as He chose, I see a people who have suffered at the hands of those whose lives are so full of themselves, and empty of the Lord, but always endeavoring to prove themselves above those seeking the Lord.

Yes, I can write this. Go to Numbers 16 and find the "congregation" in rebellion to Moses, proclaiming they, themselves are holy; proclaiming they can do any and all that Moses "ever thought he could do."

And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *[Ye take]* too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *[are]* holy, every one of them, and the LORD *[is]* among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

And when Moses heard *[it]*, he fell upon his face (Num 16.3, 4):

These are like the people of today who are rebellious, and scorn the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, who, in doing so, scorn the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself. Here are a people who wanted to be delivered from the Egyptians, and the Lord sends Moses to lead them out of Egypt to the Promised Land – only to find them now desiring to have stayed in Egypt with the pagans, with those who had treated them harshly.

Hear their words against the servant of the Lord God:

[Is it] a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us? (Num 16.13).

Remember how they worshipped a golden calf, how they were able to get Aaron to craft a golden calf, and how sick they were in worshiping the golden calf in the desert – when Moses had been called to "come up higher" in Exodus 34? The people whom God blessed and, led them out of Egypt, were greatly relieved in the moment they realized they were leaving Egypt, but – but some, perhaps many, were envious of the leadership position given to Moses, and struggled always with Him to take him down. They did not give thanks for the Lord leading them out of Egypt; they were too self-centered.

So, when Moses was called by the Lord God to "come up higher," they thought to show Moses a thing or two, and decided to take over. Oh, how weak was Aaron and others who went along with the crowd.

Before we get too carried away in criticizing the crowd, let us look at ourselves and ask, "Would we have done the same as Aaron?" Are we doing the same as Aaron today right where we live? How weak we are at times also.

When the Lord called Moses to "come up higher," the Lord was calling the people to come up higher in their living for Him. The people should have prayed for Moses in what he was called to do. Where, oh where are those who truly believe in the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus? Where are the prayer warriors?

I am not much in to movies, but let me mention one that I have watched several times; it is powerful. **The War Room.**

Leading a people as did Moses takes prayer, prayer not only on his part, but on the part of the people he was leading out of captivity. Yes, Moses was asking for it - when he chose to obey the Lord God - because Satan goes against, fights anyone living for the Lord, serving the Lord in those hard places – such as his leading the people out of Egypt, out of captivity.

Now, where are you in your daily walk with the Lord? Read Exodus 33 and 34. They are powerful chapters and give you some insight into Moses' walk with the Lord – and how the people are called "stiff-necked." Does this passage address where a lot are today who, like the children of Israel, professed the Lord God, but did not possess the Lord God in their hearts, in their daily walk? Were they easily led astray by the blowing of the wind – whichever way it blew? I wonder, are not many who say the word, God, not like the children of Israel who were easily led astray by the blowing of the wind – whichever way it went?

How many want to be a great leader for the Lord because it looks good, feels good to have that power, that strength? But, when the going gets going, and the people come against that leader, how many follow the people and - not the Lord God Almighty because of their need to please the people!

Yes, in a sense, Moses asked for it, when the people turned away from him, such as in Number 16. But Moses understood the people were turning against the Lord.