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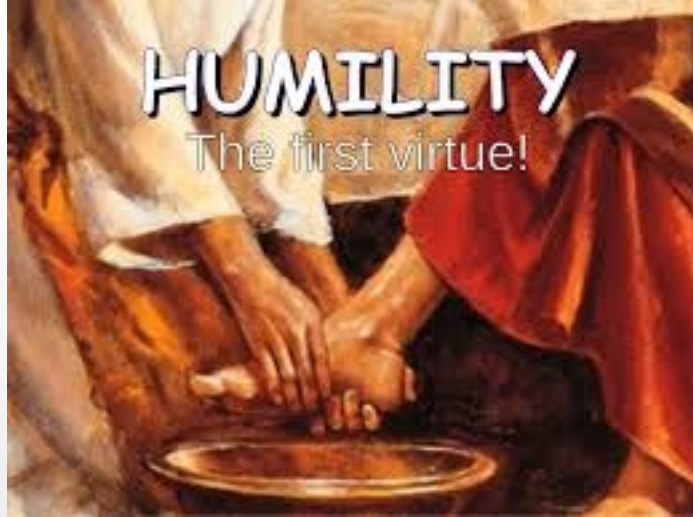
HEROES OF THE FAITH – MOSES

HEBREWS 11:23-26

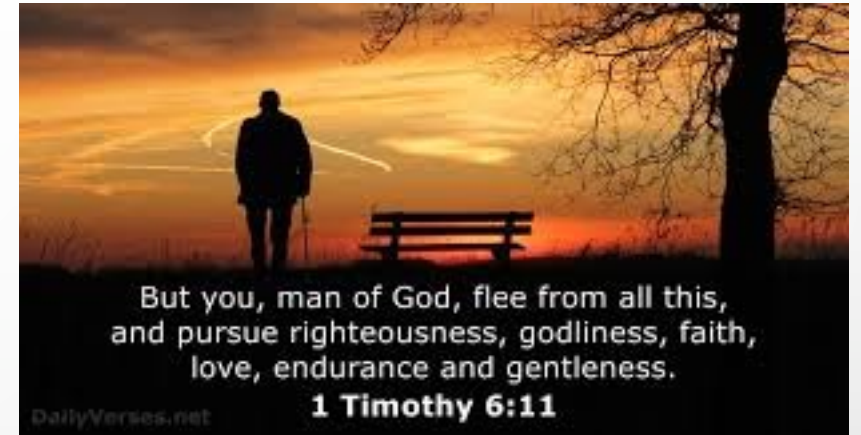
PART 1

A QUICK OVERVIEW OF MOSES' CHARACTERISTICS AND TITLES

Humility /
Meekness
Num 12:3



The man
of God
Deut
33:1



The
prophet
of God
Deut
34:10

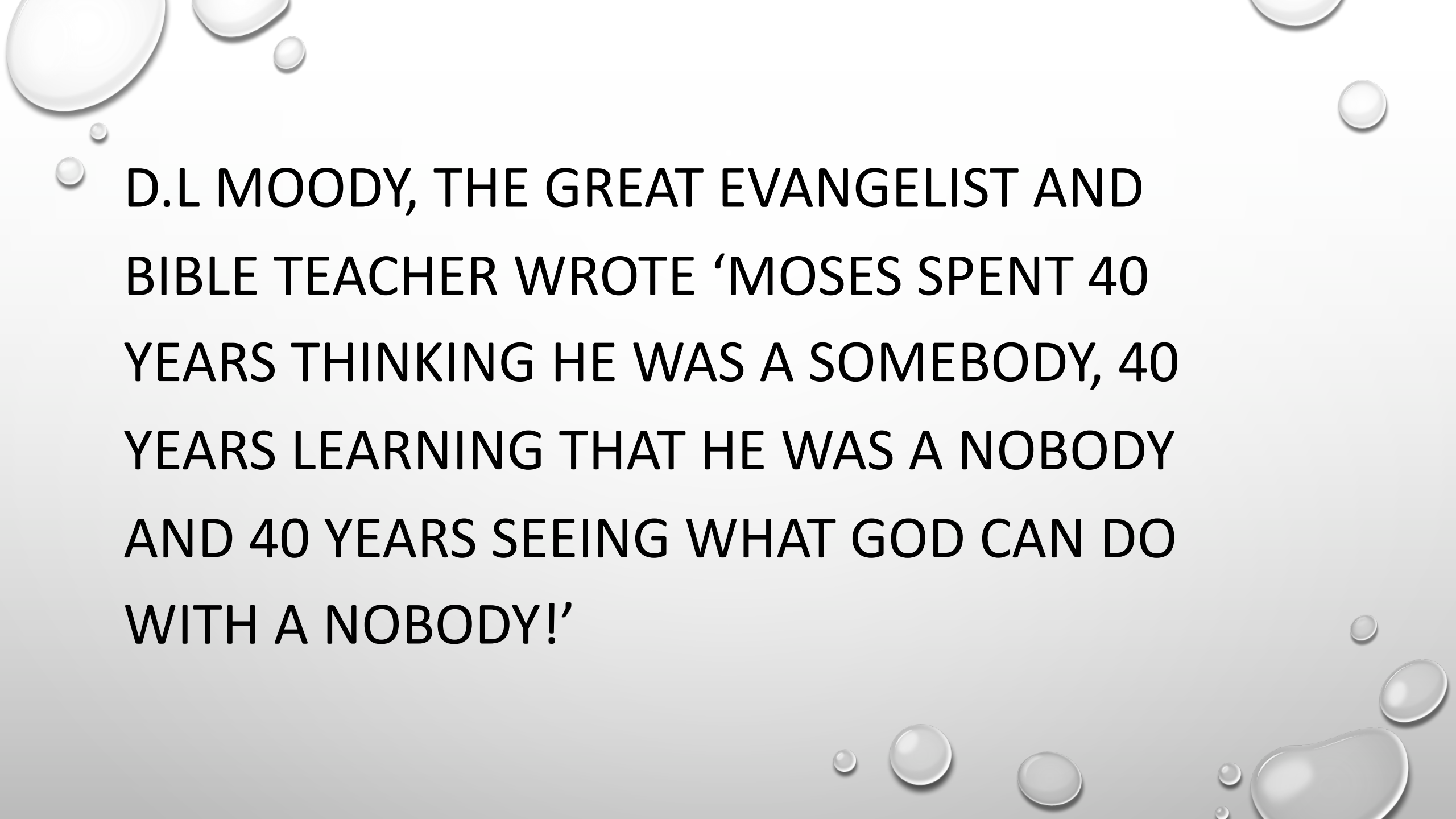


The
friend of
God
Ex 33:11



HOW THE LIFE OF MOSES CAN BE DIVIDED?

- How old was Moses when he was placed in the basket as a baby, in the reeds of the Nile River?
- How old was Moses when he fled Egypt after murdering the Egyptian?
- How old was Moses when God called him to lead Israel in the exodus?
- How old was Moses when he died?



D.L MOODY, THE GREAT EVANGELIST AND
BIBLE TEACHER WROTE 'MOSES SPENT 40
YEARS THINKING HE WAS A SOMEBODY, 40
YEARS LEARNING THAT HE WAS A NOBODY
AND 40 YEARS SEEING WHAT GOD CAN DO
WITH A NOBODY!'

Moses' real purpose in life didn't start till he was 80. You are never too old to be used by the Lord!

What is 40 the number of in the Bible?

- It speaks of testing and trials. So we could say that Moses was one well tested, man of God.
 - 40 years of testing with all the wealth, power and prosperity of Egypt.
 - Then 40 years of testing in isolation, as a shepherd down in Midian.
 - This was finally followed by 40 years of testing in the wilderness leading an often bickering and grumbling Jewish nation.

So there's the quick overview. The writer of Hebrews looks at the first 40 years and Moses' last 40 years. In this study we'll look at Hebrews 11:23-26 which focuses on the first 40 years of Moses' life.

THE FAITH OF MOSES' PARENTS

HEBREWS 11:23 BY FAITH
MOSES' PARENTS HID HIM
FOR THREE MONTHS
AFTER HE WAS BORN,
BECAUSE THEY SAW HE
WAS NO ORDINARY
CHILD, AND THEY WERE
NOT AFRAID OF THE
KING'S EDICT.

The passage starts not with the faith of Moses himself but with the faith of his parents.

Pharaoh of the day ordered that all male Hebrew children born should be put to death.

Read Acts 7:20-29

THE UNSEEN HAND OF GOD

HEBREWS 11:24

BY FAITH

MOSES, WHEN
HE HAD GROWN
UP, REFUSED TO
BE CALLED THE
SON OF
PHARAOH'S
DAUGHTER

For the first 40 years of his life, Moses grew up in Egypt, the son of Pharaoh's daughter. **Acts 7:22**

He had everything that he could ever desire or dream of. And yet, by the age of 40, he was having a one-third life crisis.

Something strange was happening within him. The unseen hand of God was drawing him away from this life, the only life he had ever known, to associate with those strange slaves doing hard labour outside – the Israelites.

THE UNSEEN HAND OF GOD

Acts 7:23 says *'But when he was approaching the age of forty, it entered his mind to visit his brethren, the sons of Israel.'*

He was beginning to have an identity crisis.

- Am I an Egyptian, or an Israelite?
- Is my ultimate allegiance to Pharaoh, or to God?
- Is my purpose in this life to live to be successful in Egypt, or is there a higher calling and purpose in life?

Moses was being drawn away, by an unseen hand, to associate with a different family... his true family and to find the purpose for which he had been created.

THREEFOLD TEMPTATIONS

HEBREWS 11:25-26

**'...CHOOSING RATHER TO
ENDURE ILL-TREATMENT
WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD
THAN TO ENJOY THE
PASSING PLEASURES OF SIN,
(26) CONSIDERING THE
REPROACH OF CHRIST
GREATER RICHES THAN THE
TREASURES OF EGYPT; FOR
HE WAS LOOKING TO THE
REWARD.**

- Moses had a lot of temptations to overcome to break free from the attraction of Egypt
- Some Bible teachers and preachers like to divide passages such as this into single words so that the overall theme can be remembered.
- Moses faced the threefold temptations of '**power, pleasure and prosperity.**'
- Moses faced all three temptations... and still won.

THREEFOLD TEMPTATIONS - POWER, PLEASURE AND PROSPERITY

Power & Position – v24. ‘When he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter...’

- Moses had power for he was royalty within the leading nation on Earth at the time.
- Mankind has been striving for power and position right from the fall of mankind.
- You can see the lust for power and position in the corporate business world but even within the Christian world. Power and position can be an intoxicating proposition. Moses faced this temptation.

THREEFOLD TEMPTATIONS - POWER, PLEASURE AND PROSPERITY

Pleasure – v25. choosing to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin'

- Most sin is pleasurable. Sin deceives. It promises one thing and delivers something totally different. It is deceitful.

Read Hebrews 3:13

- The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:1,4 and 1 Timothy 6:17
- People will be lovers of pleasure instead of lovers of God.
- God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

THREEFOLD TEMPTATIONS - POWER, PLEASURE AND PROSPERITY

Prosperity - v26. considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.'

- Prosperity and getting ahead is a massive part of the Western world. The 'prosperity gospel' is rife in sections of the Christian church.
- Moses 'considered the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.'
- He was willing to give up the throne and all the prosperity to be identified with slaves. He was willing to exchange wealth for the wilderness and follow God's call.
- Moses would have identified with this verse: Psalms 84:10

HOW MOSES OVERCAME THESE TEMPTATIONS – 4 VERBS & 20/20 VISION

HEBREWS 11:24-26 BY FAITH MOSES, WHEN HE HAD GROWN UP, **REFUSED**(4) TO BE CALLED THE SON OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER, **CHOOSING** (3) RATHER TO ENDURE ILL-TREATMENT WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD THAN TO ENJOY THE PASSING PLEASURES OF SIN, (26) **CONSIDERING**(2) THE REPROACH OF CHRIST GREATER RICHES THAN THE TREASURES OF EGYPT; FOR HE WAS **LOOKING** (1) TO THE REWARD.

- We see that he looked, he reckoned, he choose and he refused. But it all started with where Moses was looking.
- The Bible saying that he was able to do what he did 'because he was looking ahead to the reward.' He had his eye on eternity. We read at the end of Deuteronomy that when Moses died '*his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.*'
- It led to only one conclusion - He considered 'the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.' Having looked at eternity and having weighed up what he should do, he made a choice. He chose to 'endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin'.
- In short, he chose God, and by extension, God's people.

THE BELIEVER'S BIBLE COMMENTARY SUMS IT UP WELL

- 'HE WAS THE ADOPTED SON OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER AND THEREFORE ASSURED OF A PLACE IN THE SOCIAL ELITE, PERHAPS EVEN AS PHARAOH'S SUCCESSOR. BUT HE HAD BEEN BORN OF BETTER BLOOD—A MEMBER OF GOD'S CHOSEN EARTHLY PEOPLE... IN HIS ADULT YEARS HE MADE HIS CHOICE; HE WOULD NOT HIDE HIS TRUE NATIONALITY TO WIN A FEW SHORT YEARS OF EARTHLY FAME. THE RESULT? INSTEAD OF OCCUPYING A LINE OR TWO OF HIEROGLYPHICS ON SOME OBSCURE TOMB, HE IS MEMORIALIZED IN GOD'S ETERNAL BOOK. INSTEAD OF BEING FOUND IN A MUSEUM AS AN EGYPTIAN MUMMY, HE IS FAMOUS AS A MAN OF GOD.'

SO... HOW'S OUR EYESIGHT?

- So how is our spiritual eyesight?
- Have we learned to see beyond what the world tells us is important?
- We can be sure that the world's values revolve around power, position, pleasure and prosperity. And because we live in this world, every day there is an attempt made to mould us into that likeness.
- One of the last things that Jesus said comes in the last chapter of the book of Revelation 22:12
- Apart from what we have read about Moses, it also says in Hebrews 11:35 about other saints 'Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection.' There is such a thing as **obtaining a better resurrection.**