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# HEROES OF THE FAITH – MOSES

HEBREWS 11:24-28

PART 2

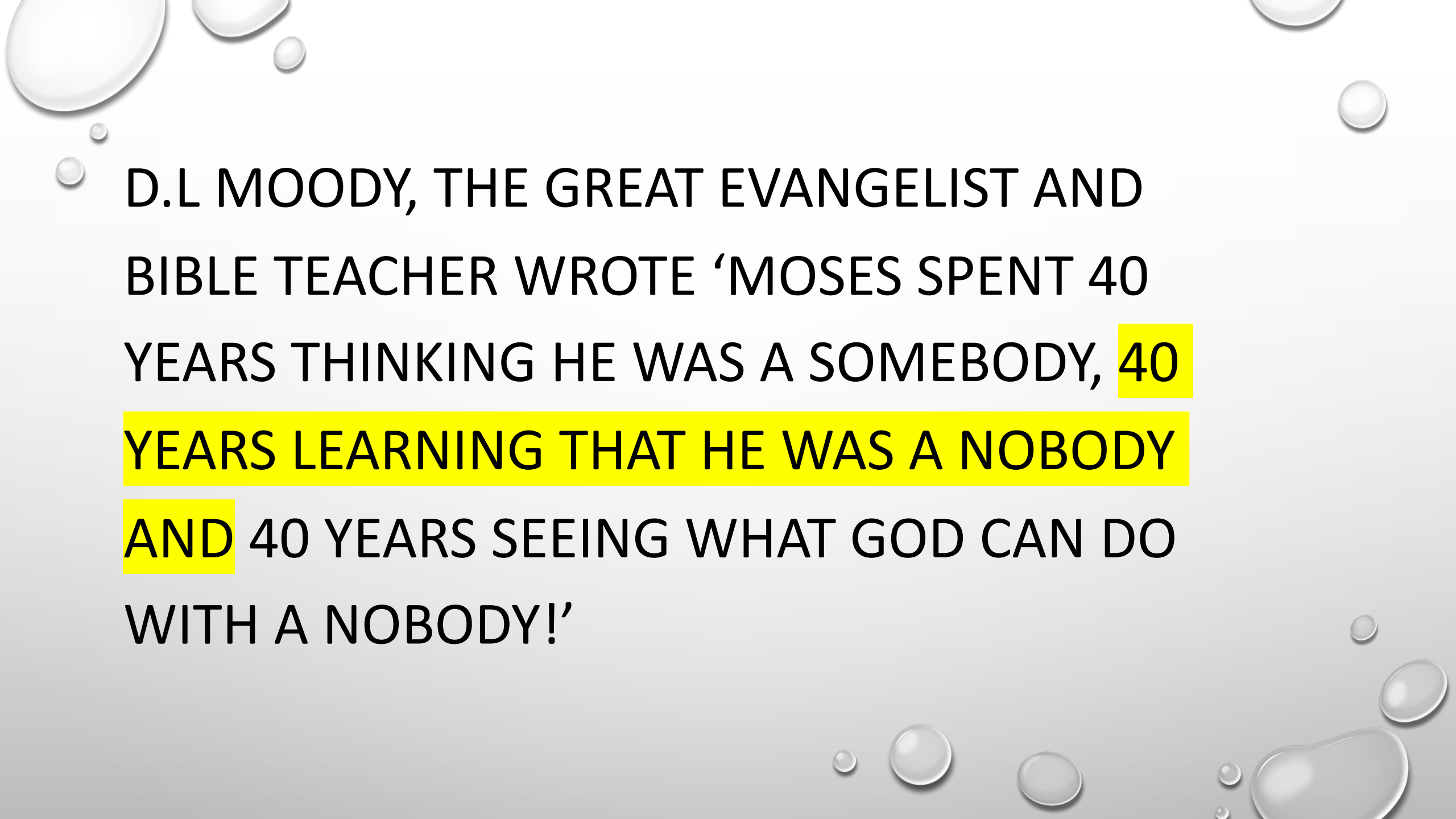
**HEBREWS 11:24-28** BY FAITH MOSES, WHEN HE HAD GROWN UP, REFUSED TO BE KNOWN AS THE SON OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER.

(25) HE CHOSE TO BE MISTREATED ALONG WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD RATHER THAN TO ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF SIN FOR A SHORT TIME.

(26) HE REGARDED DISGRACE FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST AS OF GREATER VALUE THAN THE TREASURES OF EGYPT, BECAUSE HE WAS LOOKING AHEAD TO HIS REWARD.

(27) BY FAITH HE LEFT EGYPT, NOT FEARING THE KING'S ANGER; HE PERSEVERED BECAUSE HE SAW HIM WHO IS INVISIBLE.

(28) BY FAITH HE KEPT THE PASSOVER AND THE SPRINKLING OF BLOOD, SO THAT THE DESTROYER OF THE FIRSTBORN WOULD NOT TOUCH THE FIRSTBORN OF ISRAEL.



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!'

# WHAT THE EGYPTIAN EDUCATION DIDN'T TEACH MOSES

**EXODUS 2:11-14** ONE DAY, AFTER MOSES HAD GROWN UP, HE WENT OUT TO WHERE HIS OWN PEOPLE WERE AND WATCHED THEM AT THEIR HARD LABOR. HE SAW AN EGYPTIAN BEATING A HEBREW, ONE OF HIS OWN PEOPLE.

(12) **GLANCING THIS WAY AND THAT AND SEEING NO ONE, HE KILLED THE EGYPTIAN AND HID HIM IN THE SAND.**

(13) THE NEXT DAY HE WENT OUT AND SAW TWO HEBREWS FIGHTING. HE ASKED THE ONE IN THE WRONG, "WHY ARE YOU HITTING YOUR FELLOW HEBREW?"

(14) THE MAN SAID, "WHO MADE YOU RULER AND JUDGE OVER US? ARE YOU THINKING OF KILLING ME AS YOU KILLED THE EGYPTIAN?" THEN MOSES WAS AFRAID AND THOUGHT, "WHAT I DID MUST HAVE BECOME KNOWN."

- He had been raised as an Egyptian. He talked like an Egyptian. He walked like an Egyptian.
- From the book of Acts 7:22 we read that at 40 years of age, Moses was a man of power in words and deeds. The Egyptian's were the great world power of the time and Moses was educated with all the wisdom that Egypt knew. **Vernon McGee** (Next slide)
- Moses had the right heart and desire in that he wanted to free his people from their slavery. But 40 years of Egypt's greatest education hadn't taught him how to rely on God yet or His timing. It hadn't taught him that it is God that makes a difference.
- **Acts 7:25** tells us *"And he supposed that his brethren understood that God was granting them deliverance through him, but they did not understand."*
- Moses supposed that they would understand just like he supposed that God would back his move. But they didn't understand because it wasn't God-appointed. This was Moses bolting ahead in his own thoughts and schemes, 40 years ahead of God's scheduled timing for deliverance.

**VERNON MCGEE** WRITES: 'MOSES WAS EDUCATED IN THE GREAT TEMPLE OF THE SUN WHICH WAS THE OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY OF THE DAY. WE UNDERRATE WHAT THE EGYPTIANS KNEW AND ACCOMPLISHED. THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF ASTRONOMY WAS PHENOMENAL. THEY KNEW THE EXACT DISTANCE TO THE SUN. THEY WORKED ON THE THEORY THAT THE EARTH WAS ROUND AND NOT FLAT. THEY KNEW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT CHEMISTRY WHICH IS EVIDENCED BY THE WAY THEY WERE ABLE TO EMBALM THE DEAD. WE HAVE NO PROCESS TO EQUAL IT TODAY. THEIR WORKMANSHIP AND ABILITY WITH COLORS WERE FANTASTIC. THEIR COLORS ARE BRIGHTER THAN ANY WE HAVE TODAY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR PAINT COMPANIES WOULD GIVE ANYTHING IF THEY KNEW THE FORMULAS USED FOR COLOR BY THE EGYPTIANS. THEY ARE BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL, AND STARTLING AFTER FOUR THOUSAND YEARS. (I HAVE TO PAINT MY HOUSE ABOUT EVERY FOUR YEARS!) IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THEIR OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THE EGYPTIANS ALSO HAD A TREMENDOUS LIBRARY. AND MOSES, WE ARE TOLD, WAS LEARNED IN ALL THE WISDOM OF THE EGYPTIANS.'

# THE MAN OF POWER MISFIRES

**EXODUS 2:15-22** WHEN PHARAOH HEARD OF THIS, HE TRIED TO KILL MOSES, BUT MOSES FLED FROM PHARAOH AND WENT TO LIVE IN MIDIAN, WHERE HE SAT DOWN BY A WELL. (16) NOW A PRIEST OF MIDIAN HAD SEVEN DAUGHTERS, AND THEY CAME TO DRAW WATER AND FILL THE TROUGHS TO WATER THEIR FATHER'S FLOCK. (17) SOME SHEPHERDS CAME ALONG AND DROVE THEM AWAY, BUT MOSES GOT UP AND CAME TO THEIR RESCUE AND WATERED THEIR FLOCK. (18) WHEN THE GIRLS RETURNED TO REUEL THEIR FATHER, HE ASKED THEM, "WHY HAVE YOU RETURNED SO EARLY TODAY?" (19) THEY ANSWERED, "AN EGYPTIAN RESCUED US FROM THE SHEPHERDS. HE EVEN DREW WATER FOR US AND WATERED THE FLOCK." (20) AND WHERE IS HE? HE ASKED HIS DAUGHTERS. "WHY DID YOU LEAVE HIM? INVITE HIM TO HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT." (21) MOSES AGREED TO STAY WITH THE MAN, WHO GAVE HIS DAUGHTER ZIPPORAH TO MOSES IN MARRIAGE. (22) ZIPPORAH GAVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND **MOSES NAMED HIM GERSHOM, SAYING, "I HAVE BECOME AN ALIEN IN A FOREIGN LAND."**

His 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings and thought process

- New profession,
- Sense of guilt,
- Loneliness
- In the naming of his first child.

*'What have I done? I thought I was going to deliver my people Israel and now look at me. I was once in line to rule Egypt and now I'm a nobody, living in the middle of nowhere. I had friends and family and now I'm a stranger in a strange land. **I failed. I'm a failure.**'*

But God, as He does, had a purpose in all of this... as He does for us as well. He can use failure. In the school of God, God uses the events of our lives to train and teach if we would but listen and learn.

**He might have taken out his degree in the school of man, and yet have to learn his alphabet in the school of God... The man whom God educates, is educated, and none other.**

Read - 1 Corinthians 2:14

# THE SCHOOL OF GOD

1. Every true born again Christian is enrolled in this school
2. It is a training school
3. God's classes come with God's time frame
4. We don't all have the same classes
5. We can't see in advance how long a lesson or class will take
6. God's classes have the ultimate purpose in mind
7. We can re-sit a class and failure is often the way forward!
8. Graduation day is not till the return of Jesus