

By Faith Moses Rejects The World's Plenty
Hebrews 11:26

Introduction:

I How Moses Chose Suffering Over Pleasure – verses 24-26.

A. It was a choice by faith – verse 24.

B. Verse 26 explains this choice of faith further.

C. It was a careful choice – verse 26.

D. What is “the reproach of Christ?”

II How Moses Came To This Conclusion – Verse 26b.

A. Consider a clear and accurate translation of this phrase.

“For he continued to look away (from the treasures of Egypt) unto the reward.”

B. This is the key to Moses' faith.

C. Application.

D. But, because Moses looked to the eternal reward he saw the reward in suffering for Christ.

III How Can We Keep Focused On The Reward?

A. Replace rejecting God's grace in salvation with repenting and receiving Jesus Christ as our Savior – Titus 2:11,14 - *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

B. Replace the reigning of sin in our bodies with reflecting on the coming of Christ – Titus 2:12-13 - *Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.*

C. Replace retaliation for mistreatment with rejoicing at being counted worthy to suffer shame for His name – Acts 5:40-41 - *And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.*

D. Replace regarding trials as unusual with rejoicing that we can partake of Christ's suffering – I Peter 4:12-13 - *Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

E. Replace regarding suffering as random with resting our souls on the Creator God who controls all – I Peter 4:19 - *Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.*

F. Replace regarding earthly things as most important with resolutely setting our mind on things above – Colossians 3:1-4 - *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

G. Replace relying on the “outward man” with renewing the “inward man.” - II Corinthians 4:16 - *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.*

H. Replace regret over a weakened body with rejoicing over Jesus transforming our body to be like His glorious body – Philippians 3:20-21 - *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

I. Replace resentment for reproaches with remembering the glory that will be ours- Romans 8:17-18 - *And if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. From Suffering to glory for I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

J. Replace ruminating about things seen (stock market, politics, OSU football, etc) with reflecting on things unseen – II Corinthians 4:17-18 - *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

K. Replace the rebellion of sins and weights with a resolute focus on Jesus and all He has done and is doing for us – Hebrews 12:1-3 - *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.*