

I would like to consider a little with you of the life of Moses. Each of you is here because you believe God has called you to lead His people. There is nothing more important a person can do than to lead God's people. There are various activities involved in leading God's people. One person leads five people into close walk with Christ, into a great knowledge of the things of God. Another man leads 10,000 to raise their hands to make a decision. And there may not be 5 of those 10,000 whose lives really count for the Lord like the 5 the one had led. In other words we can't compare who is most effective in leading God's people. God only knows.

Some of you God will lead to be leaders of His people one way and some another way. But I trust that every one of you has come here because you feel that God has called you to lead His people in one way or another. As we look into the Bible and as we look into the pages of history, aside from the Lord Jesus Christ, it would be hard to find anyone who has done a great deal more as a leader of God's people than Moses.

There are many chs. in the OT about the life of Moses. But there are two chs. in the NT that tell us considerable about the most important things in his life. The first of these is Acts 7 where Stephen speaking before those who are about to kill him, refers to Moses. The second is Heb. 11 describing the great heroes of the faith in which he tells about what Moses did.

I'd like to speak to you about three aspects of the life of Moses that I think are particularly important in planning your own lives. Someone has said, Moses spent 40 years learning to be somebody and 40 years learning to be nobody and for 40 years he effectively served the Lord. That statement is only partially true. It does call attention to certain aspects of the life of Moses that are stressed in the NT. Moses learned to be somebody. Stephen said speaking before the Sanhedrin, that Moses was trained in all the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ wisdom of the Egyptians.

God sometimes when there is a great work to do raises up someone who to the human being would seem to be with no preparation at all and through that human being does a tremendous work. There are such instances but they are comparatively few. Ordinarily when God does a work he trains someone to be thoroughly equipped to handle the problems that will arise in connection with that work. This is particularly evident in the life of Moses. Moses for 40 years was recognized as Pharaoh's daughter's son. It is probable that he led Egyptian armies during that time. It is probable that he directed great building activities. It is probable that he read extensively in the literature of ancient Egypt. He was thoroughly trained as the son of Pharaoh's daughter would be expected to be.

God sometimes does a great work through someone who does not seem to have any training at all. In fact sometimes someone who seems to have more preparation== no more preparation than Babàám's ass!