

Moses' Mother

TEXT: Exodus 1:22; 2:1-10; Hebrews 11:23

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Exodus 6:20; Hebrews 11:24-26

KEY VERSE: For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. — 2 Timothy 1:12

Who can find a virtuous woman? Amram was married to one named Jochebed. She so thoroughly ingrained the teachings of her God into her son, Moses, that all the allurements of the heathen palace never eradicated those early impressions. He had the finest education Egypt afforded, but it did not turn his head or cause him to lose his simple childhood faith. Perhaps Jochebed's greatest virtue was her success in imparting to Moses the virtue of trusting God.

1. "Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river . . ." (Exodus 1:22). Through this commandment, the river became a symbol of grief and terror to every Israelitish mother. What virtue did Jochebed display in overcoming that dreadful symbol?

2. Why do you think Moses' parents were not afraid of the king's commandment? Under those circumstances, what would your reaction have been?

3. What assurance did Jochebed have that Moses would be safe when she placed him in the ark and laid it on the brink of the river among the flags? Consider the word "safe" in reference to the key verse.

4. How did the teachings of Moses' mother influence him? See Hebrews 11:23-26.

5. One of the great virtues that both Jochebed and Moses had was that of faith. Describe how this virtue was evidenced in their lives. How might the course of their history have been changed had they not exemplified this?

6. Give an example from your own knowledge or experience of one who committed something to the Lord and saw a need supplied.

7. Why do you think it is so difficult to reach a place of complete trust? See 2 Corinthians 3:5.

8. What specific needs do men have that should be committed to the Lord?