

**ANSWERS TO LIFE PROBLEMS**  
**“HOW CAN I HAVE PEACE OF MIND?”**  
**HEBREWS 11: 24-27**

THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS IN OUR PRESENT WORLD TODAY WHICH ROB US OF HAVING PEACE OF MIND. MOST OF THE TENSION WE EXPERIENCE IS THE RESULT OF UNRESOLVED CONFLICT. IT SEEMS AS IF WE ARE ALWAYS IN A STATE OF TENSION AND TURMOIL AND FRUSTRATION.

MOSES WAS A MAN WHO LEARNED HOW TO RESOLVE THE BASIC ISSUES OF LIFE, AND HE THEREFORE STANDS AS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF A PERSON WHO HAD PEACE OF MIND. HE WAS ABLE TO REMAIN CALM UNDER PRESSURE, AND WE NEED TO LEARN THE SAME THING. MOSES BASED HIS LIFE ON SOME GREAT PRINCIPLES. BY LEARNING WHAT THESE ARE, WE, TOO, CAN HAVE PEACE OF MIND.

**KNOW WHO YOU ARE**

THE FIRST THING MOSES DEALT WITH WAS THE ISSUE OF HIS IDENTITY. HE SETTLED THE QUESTION OF “WHO AM I?” WHEN MOSES LEARNED THE TRUTH OF HIS JEWISH BIRTH, HE HAD TO MAKE A DECISION. EVERYONE THOUGHT HE WAS AN EGYPTIAN AND HE COULD HAVE REMAINED IN THAT POSITION. BEING A CHILD OF PHARAOH’S COURT GAVE HIS STATUS, WEALTH, OPPORTUNITY, AND POWER. BUT HE HAD AN IDENTITY CRISIS AND IT NEEDED TO BE SETTLED. HE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION REGARDING HIS IDENTITY, BUT IT COST HIM THE NEXT 80 YEARS OF HIS LIFE IN THE DESERT.

ALL OF US NEED TO ACCEPT WHO WE ARE. IF WE TRY TO BE SOMEBODY WE’RE NOT, THEN IT’S A QUICK WAY TO AN ULCER. MOSES SETTLED THAT ISSUE WITH HIMSELF, AND AS A RESULT, HE HAD PEACE OF MIND. ONCE WE SETTLE THAT ISSUE WITH OURSELVES, WE CAN RELAX AND ENJOY THE PLAN OF GOD AND HAVE PEACE OF MIND.

**ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

MOSES DEALT WITH THE ISSUE OF “PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.” HE CHOSE TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF WITH GOD’S PEOPLE. HE REFUSED TO BE WHAT HE REALLY WASN’T; AND THEN HE CHOSE TO GO GOD’S WAY. NOTICE THAT IN V. 24 MOSES MADE HIS DECISION “WHEN HE HAD GROWN UP.” IT IS A MARK OF MATURITY WHEN YOU SETTLE THE ISSUE OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. WHEN MOSES WAS A CHILD IT WAS ALL RIGHT FOR HIM TO POSTPONE THE DECISION ABOUT WHO HE WAS, BUT WHEN HE BECAME AN ADULT HE HAD TO DECIDE. HE HAD TO MAKE CHOICES ABOUT HIS LIFE AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE CHOICES.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS OVER WHICH WE HAVE NO CONTROL, AND WE CAN EASILY BLAME OTHERS FOR ALL OF THE NEGATIVE THINGS IN OUR LIFE, BUT WE MUST MAKE CHOICES AND BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE CHOICES. WE CAN CHOOSE TO RESPOND TOWARD LIFE IN A NEGATIVE, CRITICAL MANNER, OR WE CAN CHOOSE TO RESPOND IN A POSITIVE MANNER OF FAITH, TRUSTING IN GOD TO DIRECT OUR PATH AND BLESS US IN FOLLOWING HIS PLAN. IF WE DO THIS, THEN WE CAN HAVE PEACE OF MIND.

**DECIDE YOUR PRIORITIES**

MOSES MADE THE DECISION TO BE MISTREATED ALONG WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD RATHER THAN TO ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF SIN. THAT IS FOUND IN VERSE 25. HE DECIDED THAT TO MAKE A SACRIFICE FOR THE LORD WAS OF GREATER VALUE THAN THE TREASURES OF EGYPT. MOSES SETTLED THE ISSUE OF PRIORITIES.

MOSES COULD HAVE REJECTED ALL OF THE PAIN AND MISTREATMENT HE WOULD ENDURE BY CHOOSING TO ALIGN HIMSELF WITH GOD AND HIS PEOPLE, AND INSTEAD ENJOY ALL OF THE COMFORTS AND PLEASURES AND WEALTH OF BEING A FAVORED SON IN PHARAOH’S COURT. BUT HE MADE HIS CHOICE, HE DECIDED ON HIS PRIORITY IN LIFE, AND THAT ENABLED HIM TO HAVE PEACE OF MIND. OUR CHOICES IN LIFE WILL DETERMINE LOTS OF THINGS FOR US. THE EASY WAY IS NOT ALWAYS THE BEST WAY; IT IS NOT ALWAYS THE WAY OF GOD. ONLY THE WAY OF GOD WILL GIVE US PEACE OF MIND.

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**SOUTH POINT  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Finding God's Direction for Life*



**FACE YOUR DIFFICULTIES**

THE LAST ISSUE MOSES SETTLED WAS THE MATTER OF PERSEVERANCE. WE COULD SUM UP MOSES' LIFE WITH THE WORD "ENDURANCE." HE ENDURED, HE PERSEVERED THROUGH ALL KINDS OF ADVERSITIES AND DIFFICULTIES. THE KEY TO HIS PEACE OF MIND WAS THAT HE KNEW DIFFICULTIES WOULD COME INTO EVERY LIFE, AND HE KNEW HOW TO RESPOND TO THEM AND MOVE ON. AS CHRISTIANS WE SHOULD NEVER LET PROBLEMS DESTROY US; INSTEAD, WE SHOULD ALLOW THOSE PROBLEMS TO BRING US CLOSER TO GOD.

WITHOUT PERSEVERANCE WE WILL NEVER HAVE PEACE OF MIND.