

"FAITH REFUSING FAVOUR"**Introduction**

1. The great chapter on Faith
2. Faith here taught by great Examples
3. Faith essential to Salvation & Heaven

1. FAITH IN MOSES' LIFE OWED MUCH TO PARENTS

- 1) Moses owed very much to his parents: v.23
- 2) There are things a parent cannot do
 - (i) The eternal acts of God
 - (ii) The ability to give new birth
 - (iii) Their powerlessness to impart faith
APPLICATION: Many a good parent has a faithless child.
- 3) There are vital things a parent can do:
 - (i) Profound concern for child's good
 - (ii) Teaching in the truth of God
 - (iii) Prayer and heroism to have saved
APPLICATION: Are we "dying" to have them saved?
DOCTRINE: Parents may sometimes have to risk much for their children.

2. FAITH IN MOSES PROVED HIS CONVERSION

- 1) The heroism, prayer and sacrifice of Moses' parents was not in vain:
TEXT
- 2) It is clear Moses was truly converted – as a young man – as shown here:
 - (i) his refusal of worldly favour
 - (ii) this was an amazing choice!
 - (iii) he identified with those who were downtrodden and despised
 - (iv) he denied a thousand sinful pleasures

- (v) he opted to suffer affliction

APPLICATION: These are things which evidence faith

- 3) Why do persons of faith so deny themselves?

- (i) faith sees a better, higher treasure
- (ii) faith knows of a final reward

OBSERVE: These are all proofs of conversion

APPLICATION: Do you all have these in your life?
Do you strive to have them in your children?

3. MOSES' FAITH IS AN EXAMPLE TO US ALL

- 1) All this is said as an example to us.
- 2) Of course, we all want our children to be saved – this demands much of the parent:
 - (i) first: love, discipline, correction
 - (ii) second: a consistent Christian life
 - (iii) third: earnest prayer + teaching
- 3) How shall we know when our children are truly saved?
 - (i) when they act as Moses did
 - (ii) this will mean: rejecting sin
 - (iii) and love to God and His own dear people

CONCLUSION

Let us pray and labour to this end.

PSALM

119: 9 – 14

25: 6 – 11

128: 1 – 6