



Communion Service

Faith In His Word & Work

The Lord's Table presents us with a wonderful opportunity to be challenged to walk and live 'by faith'. By faith Moses **kept the Passover**—do we 'by faith' **keep the Lord's Table**?

1. **Faith to NOT Fear**—*The Past/Future v. 23*

A. Faith matters: Israel's deliverance began with an obscure couple believing God in the midst of darkness. They hid their son and then gave him up to the hands of God who placed in him the court of the King who they were not afraid of.

B. Fear is always talking to us: I am so...my family is...my friends are...my kids are...I am running out of...

FEAR turns molehills into mountains

FAITH turns mountains into molehills.

Faith is: (F) forwarding (A) all (I) issues (T) to (H) heaven.

2. **Faith to Refuse**—*What is Not True vv. 24-26*

A. Faith and truth: After 40 years Moses no longer accepted it when people said more about him than was true—he was a Hebrew, from the tribe of Levi (*Ex. 2:1*) and the son of Aniram and Jochebed (*Ex 6:20*) and the brother of Aaron and Miriam.

B. Faith to choose and esteem: v. 25-26 He valued suffering over pleasure and the future Messiah over worldly treasure.

Paul put it this way in 2 Cor 4:16-18 (See side bar)

3. **Faith to Forsake**—*The World v. 27*

A. Eyes of faith: "...seeing him who is invisible." Remember that *Heb 1:1* says that faith is, "...evidence of things not seen." This passage does not mean that Moses literally saw God...though God later gave him a glimpse as He passed by and also spoke to Moses face to face. This verse means that by faith Moses looked beyond the power of the king (of Egypt) to the power of the KING of Kings. **Faith OPENS our eyes** (See *2 Kings 6:17* side bar).

4. **Faith to Keep**—*God's Word v. 28*

A. Simple obedience: The instructions were strange, the demands costly (a lamb without blemish) and the ritual unprecedented, but they did precisely as they were told. In simple faith they kept the Passover. They relied on the God who had spoken to them through his servant: "*Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.*" *Ex. 12:1-3; 28*

5. **Faith to Go Through**—*To Victory v. 29*

A. Who's faith? It was Moses who had the faith as the Israelites wanted to turn back. (*Ex 14:11-12*)

Moses faith: "*And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.*" *Ex. 14:13-14*

Like his parents who were not afraid (Heb 11:23 above) so Moses was not afraid!

Will you keep the Lord's Table today—by faith?

Hebrews 11:23-29 (KJV)

23 *By faith* Moses, when he was born, was **hid** three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were **not afraid** of the king's commandment.

24 *By faith* Moses, when he was come to years, **refused** to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 **Choosing** rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 **Esteeming** the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

27 *By faith* he **forsook** Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 *Through faith* he **kept** the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

29 *By faith* they **passed through** the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

2 Cor. 4:16-18 (KJV)

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. **17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; **18** While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Kings 6:17 (KJV)

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, **open his eyes, that he may see.** And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, **the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**