

1. Which Prize – Egypt's Riches or Earthly Disgrace?

- Moses – As son of Pharaoh's daughter he has everything
- Top education (Acts 7:21,22), life of pleasure and treasure (Heb 11:25,26)
- Instead chooses to identify with Israelites – his own people [*brothers*] (v11)
- Refuses the treasures of Egypt (Heb 11:24-27). Chooses disgrace.
- Only a greater treasure (a God who lasts) can make it worthwhile
- *What are you looking for out of life? What is your greatest treasure?*

2. Whose Strength – Mine or God's? (Ex 2:11-15)

- Right choice, wrong approach
- Moses tries to liberate the people his way, by his strength
- No quick fix human solutions to our problem (see Zechariah 4:6)
- *To start the Christian life and also to live it, we need to realise that we can do nothing to help ourselves*
- *We need to look to God for his solution and his strength*

3. Whose Plan – Mine or God's? (v16-22)

- Moses is now in God's school of preparation (40 years of vital preparation)

a) Preparation as a shepherd

- Learning to lead foolish, wandering sheep in the desert

b) Preparation as a guide

- God is preparing him to know this area like the back of his hand

c) Preparation as a husband/father

- Learning leadership and love

- *What is God been doing in your life to prepare you to serve him?*
- *Will we complain about our circumstances or see them as training?*
- *Will we learn patience, knowing that only God can make things happen?*

4. Which Rescuer – Faithful God or Fragile Man? (v23-24)

- v23,24 – turning point of book – God is openly active for first time
- He hears, sees, remembers, knows = with a view to action (3:7-8)
- The 400 years were up as he had promised (Gen 15:13-16)
- After waiting, everything is going to change very quickly – in a few months
- *Will we trust God in his faithfulness?*
- Moses points us to the even greater Jesus – even richer faithfulness
 - v11 – Jesus who was not ashamed to call us brothers (Heb 2:11)
 - v14 – rejected by those he tried to save (Mark 8:31)
 - v15 – became poor for our sakes (2 Cor 8:9)
 - v15 – suffered so that redemption could come (Heb 2:10)
- *Which rescuer will we choose? Will we trust Him with everything?*



Welcome to our service this morning - today we are remembering Christ's death for sinners as we take part in the Lord's Supper.

If you are a Christian and haven't joined with us for the Lord's Supper before, we'd invite you to watch, and come and speak to Mark before our next communion.

If you aren't a Christian, or not sure, we'd invite you to watch as well, and if you have any questions, speak to Mark or one of the elders afterwards.

Notices

Sun	Evening service at Day Centre	8pm
Tues	Midweek meeting at Robert & Judith's - Yearly Review and Planning	8pm
26-28th	Southern/Western Presbytery weekend in Cullybackey	
	Application forms on table - NOTE Price change €28, €23, €17 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd child	

getting to know the WIDER CHURCH

Congregation: Ballymoney

Location: Co Antrim

Presbytery: Northern

Pastor: Edward McCollum, married to Diane
with 3 children - Laura, Amy & Peter

Attendance: about 60



Prayer points:

- Pray for a deepening of spiritual life in the congregation.
- Pray that the congregation would have an increased vision for sharing the gospel.
- Give thanks for recent renovation work which provides space for public meetings. Pray that the church will be able to use this space to reach out to the community.

Next week's passage: Exodus 3-4

Opening Psalm: 113

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