

[Heb 11:26](#)

Esteeming the reproach Christ greater riches than the treasure in Egypt, for he looked to the reward. (Note: Other translations of the word "esteeming" - considering, counting, etc.)

Moses did some accounting; Luke 14:28 "For which of you intending to build a tower does not sit down first and "count" the cost whether he has enough to finish it."

The Lord wants us to profit and enjoy His blessings. In fact He is the one teaching us to profit ([Isa 48:17](#)).

Moses considered his choices carefully. There are two factors he had to consider:

1. The wealth of Egypt
2. The reproach of belonging to christ

The wealth of Egypt - All the pleasures of the world could be found in the wealth of Egypt. At that time it was at its peak of its civilization. Egypt's wisdom is also recognized. until now scientists are still amazed at the pyramids, not only its geometrical perfection, but considering the distance from where the limestone had to be transported, it surely was a great engineering feat. Economically, they were also very rich although agriculture was their source of livelihood. Annually, the river Nile would overflow and irrigate their plantations. They had conquered a lot kingdoms owing to the fact that their military superiority unquestionable.

All these were prepared for Moses. Reading between the lines and consulting the history of Egypt there was no other heir to the throne at that time save for Moses. these words were clear implications: "He renounced the wealth..." "He is the son of pharaoh's daughter". The whole world (at that time) considered Egypt as the most powerful kingdom, so this is like world ownership, and a king is considered God; so he would be acclaimed as god. That is absolute power.

On the other hand, if he decides to belong to Christ, he must be subservient to Him as Lord of all. Jesus will be his only Master ([Col 3:23](#)), and he will become His servant. That means denying himself and sacrificing his all for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a lifework of service to Him, and the wealth of Egypt will be gone forever.

Moses' debit was sacrifice and his credit was profit. When the Lord taught us to profit, it is education, not simply word of command. Why education? Because if you want to receive all the benefits from Jesus, He said in [Matt 11:28,29](#) "Take my yoke upon you and...."

Figuratively speaking, from the world's standpoint, Moses got nothing for 40 years in the wilderness but a handful of sand. But it is clearly taught in the Bible from Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and

Jacob, etc. that even if the world would deny you all these things, you are on the side of the Creator and Owner of the world. You are on the winning side and you can expect all His support, sustenance and provisions.

When Moses decided to choose the reproach of belonging to Christ, (according to our key verse: he looked to the reward). What did he get? First, the assurance of salvation, esteemed life and hope of eternal glory. In his earthly life, I believe he was sustained and well-provided for because according to the scriptures, his strength did not abate and his eyes did not grow dim. He witnessed spectacular and awesome miracles from the Lord. Can you imagine the ten commandment written on tablets of stone by the hand of God Himself. In the wilderness where there is no life support system, they had manna for bread, quail for meat, fresh water from the rock. A cloud by day to protect them from the scorching heat of the sun, and a fire by night to give them light. Their garments did not experience wear and tear and soles of the their feet did not swell for 40 years. Moses was personally appointed by God to lead a great nation. A chosen nation set apart by God as holy, special and peculiar. What an honor and a privilege. He was also vindicated before his enemies.

Looking for happiness and fulfillment in this world? Obviously Moses, like David and other true believers, delighted in the Lord. Notice some of David's Songs: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want", "I will be glad and rejoice in you", "Bless the Lord O my soul", considering he was young and alone watching his father's flock. Paul also wrote: "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice". Peter wrote about Jesus whom having not seen, yet you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Moses composed a lengthy song of praise to the Lord in Exodus 15. Evidently these people were enjoying the Lord Jesus Christ and found true happiness in His regardless of their circumstances in life.

True happiness is not dependent on what you possess or on what you feel. True happiness is a state of mind, an attitude or self-determination. Decide to delight in the Lord Jesus Christ and He will give you the desires of your heart. The natural man would die for a handful of gold in some cases. Moses committed his life to the One who owns the whole world. Rom 8:17 "and if children, then heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. This is true world ownership. Jesus knows we need all the material things in this world but we should bear in mind that man is not only made of body, but soul and spirit as well. Jesus is so concerned about our soul that He said Matt 16:26, "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his own soul". So man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Jesus Christ is our only hope, apart fro Him we can do nothing. On the other hand, with Christ, according to Paul, "I can do all things..." With Jesus in our lives, we will have a normal, beautiful, happy and balanced life ([Col 2:10](#)).

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