

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

We are thinking about the prophetess, Miriam. We did look at **Exodus chapter 15** yesterday and we realized she is called the sister of Aaron. If you want to know more of the beginning of the background about Miriam, we go to the **Book of Exodus chapter 2**. Although it does not give her name, we believe that this older sister of Moses was Miriam. In **Exodus chapter 2, verse 1 and 2**, we read -

**1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.**

**2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son . . .** I want you to notice, it happens over and over in Scripture: ***the woman conceived and bare a son***. The conception was essential in order that she might bear a son. The child began in the womb of the mother when the child was conceived; that is what a baby is all about. Moses, at that time, did not stand much chance to exist, because Pharaoh had been satanically led to wipe out all of these baby boys, because he was afraid these baby boys were going to become big men and fight and cause trouble in the land and take over what was going on in his reign.

But what happened is there were parents, who were willing to follow through God's way, took this baby and went through this decision that not only would they bring forth this child, but this child would be

kept and protected. It is an amazing story of faith. I am sure that with the Scriptures they received and their worship and adoration of the Lord God Almighty, they were shown what could happen as a plan that God had for this little baby. Now this is no ordinary baby. We read that the Scriptures show this clearly. We read in **Hebrews 11:23-29** —

**23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents. . . so he was about three months old . . . because they saw he was a goodly child. . . - and that meant beautiful, and you know what a gorgeous little baby boy can look like at three months old - . . . and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.** In other words, they knew they were under the commandment of God, not the ruler of the land. Therefore, they valued this life that had been entrusted to them.

I want to take a minute and say, could you imagine if this baby had been killed? We would never have had Moses. Can you think about this? We do not know, when a baby is killed, who we are not going to have in this generation: what leader we are going to have; what spiritual help we are going to receive from such a life; what person is going to deliver a nation is going to be born. We do not know. Moses, you might remember, grew to be a man who delivered the people from bondage! Therefore, we must see that, as parents, we have a tremendous responsibility to see from God's point of view all that he plans to do through that precious little life when we dedicate him or

her and hand that child back to Him for His plan and purposes for this one you have been entrusted to raise for His glory.

Again in **Hebrews 11** -

**24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharoah'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 of Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.**

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

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

That is what had to happen when the blood was put on the lentils, the doorposts, as they came on through that last night coming out from the land of bondage, Egypt, to make that journey, which was a miraculous deliverance. The angel of death came over and when he saw the blood, he passed over. Therefore, by faith they did this and he led them to do this..

**29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do . . . *trying to do the same thing* - . . . were drowned.**

So Miriam is a great instrument in all of God's plan in the little story as we read it in **Exodus 2**. Because she is the sister, there is a plan being prepared for preservation. The whole idea is that Miriam was to go and watch what would happen when the mother and father made this little ark, this covering, this protection, and put baby Moses in it. They put it right where Pharaoh's daughter would come with her retinue. As she came, they were prepared and ready for her to come forth and show this little babe was one who had a mother to take care of him and to feed him. Pharaoh's daughter went right along with God's great plan, not realizing what she was doing, when she fell in love with this darling little baby found in the bulrushes. And Miriam was the instrument to say, "I can find a nurse for him," and the mother was paid to care for that child.

Oh, to be in the plan of God today, whether as a little child or a mother!

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*