

O.T. Shadows of Jesus: Moses – Pt. 2

INTRODUCTION:

1. Today I want to continue our study of O.T. shadows of Jesus, particularly in connection with Moses.
2. I want to do this because, as mentioned in the last lesson, this study clearly reveals the hand of God in the workings of His plan to save us from our sins.
3. To accomplish this, in the first lesson we addressed the:
 - A. Importance of this study of Moses as a type/shadow of Jesus because:
 - i. **Moses** prophesied in Deut. 18:15-19 that he was a type/shadow of a coming Redeemer which from Acts 3:17-23 we know was fulfilled by Jesus.
 - ii. By this comparison Jesus is shown to be infinitely greater (Heb. 3:1-6).
 - B. Similarities between Moses and Jesus in their **births and early lives** and **humility**.
4. Today, I want to continue our examination of the similarities between Moses and Jesus.

BODY:

I. Unlikely Leaders:

- A. Both **renounced their glorious lives for lowly ones** before leading God's people.
 1. Moses' renunciation (Heb. 11:24-26 – "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, **refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter**, ²⁵ **choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God** than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ **considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt**; for he was looking to the reward."").
 - a. Moses chose to give up the life of power and honor in Pharaoh's household and lived as a **shepherd** in the wilderness for forty years before God called him.
 - b. So, by the time God called him, even Moses questioned his credentials as Israel's redeemer (Ex. 3:11 – "But Moses said to God, "**Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?**"").
 2. Jesus' renunciation (Phil. 2:6-8 – "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He **existed in the form of God**, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a **bond-servant**, and being **made in the likeness of men**. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross**."").
 - a. Jesus chose to leave the glories of heaven to **become a man and lived as a lowly carpenter for 30 years**.
 - b. But unlike Moses, Jesus did not question His role/calling, knowing fully His purpose (Lk. 19:10 – "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."").
- B. Both were **called to lead in times of oppression**.
 1. Said of Moses (Ex. 3:7, 9-10 – "The LORD said, "I have surely seen the **affliction** of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their **sufferings**...⁹ Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the **oppression** with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ Therefore, come now, and **I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt**."").
 2. Prophesied of Jesus (Isa. 9:1-4 – "But there will be no more gloom for her who was **in anguish**; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. ² The people who **walk in darkness** will **see a great light**; those who **live in a dark land**, the **light will shine on them**. ³ You shall multiply the nation, You shall **increase their gladness**; **They will be glad in Your presence** as with the gladness of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For **You shall break the yoke of their burden** and the **staff on their shoulders**, the **rod of their oppressor**, as at the battle of Midian."").
 - a. We know Jesus fulfilled this because Matt. 4:12-17 speaks of this in connection with Jesus Galilean ministry.

- b. But, unlike Moses, Jesus broke the **yoke of the devil's slavery and oppression** he held over the world **concerning sin and death** (Heb. 2:14-15 – “Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that **through death He might render powerless** him who had the power of death, that is, **the devil**,¹⁵ and **might free those** who through **fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.**”).
- C. Though the man Moses renounced the glories of Egypt long before he was called to lead Israel from bondage, Jesus is shown to be far greater **leader** in that He **renounced heaven's glory** and willingly **took human form** and **broke the bonds of sin and death** for all mankind!

II. Ministries and miracles:

A. Their ministries **began with divine, miraculous affirmation.**

1. Moses' began with a burning bush that was not consumed (Ex. 3:1-3 – “Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.² And the **Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush.** So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, **but the bush was not consumed.**³ Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, **why the bush does not burn.**”).
 - a. Here God told Moses he was the man to return to Egypt to free Israel (Ex. 3:9-10).
 - b. God **repeatedly affirmed** to Moses that he was God's chosen redeemer (Ex. 3-4).
2. Jesus' ministry also began with divine, miraculous affirmation (Matt. 3:16-17 – “When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.**¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**”).

B. Their ministries were **confirmed by miracles.**

1. Moses' commission was to be confirmed by miracles (Ex. 4:1-5 – “Then Moses said, “What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, ‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’”² The LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” And he said, “A staff.”³ Then He said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a **serpent**; and Moses fled from it.⁴ But the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand and grasp it by its tail”—so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—⁵ “**that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.**”).
 - a. Moses had the power make his rod into a serpent and to turn it back into a rod.
 - b. In addition, Moses' could **cause his hand to be leprous** and then **restore it** (4:6-7).
 - c. He was also given power over **water** by turning the Nile **into blood** (4:8-9).
2. Jesus' commission was confirmed by miracles (Matt. 4:23-24 – “Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, **and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness** among the people.²⁴ The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they **brought to Him all who were ill**, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and **He healed them.**”).
 - a. Like Moses:
 - i. Jesus had **power over disease**, being able to **heal others**, including those with **leprosy** (Lk. 17:11-14ff.).
 - ii. Jesus had **power over water** shown by **turning water to wine** (Jn. 2:1-11) and even **walking on water** (Matt. 14:25-27).
 - iii. Jesus had **power over a serpent**, which was **Satan**. He showed this in **casting out Satan's demons** (Mt. 4:24, etc.) and in **casting Satan down**, or **defeating** him (Rev. 12:9-11 – “And the great dragon was thrown down, the **serpent of old** who is called the **devil** and **Satan**, who deceives the whole world; **he was thrown down to the earth**, and his angels were thrown down with him.¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in

heaven, saying, “Now the **salvation**, and the **power**, and the **kingdom** of our God and the **authority of His Christ have come**, for **the accuser** of our brethren **has been thrown down**, he who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹ And **they overcame him** because of **the blood of the Lamb** and because of the **word of their testimony**, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”).

- iv. These miracles were to **confirm** that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God** that all might believe in Him (John 20:30-31).
- C. Though Moses’ ministry was divinely confirmed and did great miracles, Jesus is greater, being confirmed as **God’s Christ and His beloved Son**, by **healing all sorts of diseases** including **leprosy**, and by having **power** and **victory over** the serpent, **Satan himself**.

III. Lawgivers:

- A. Moses gave Israel God’s law (Ex. 24:12 – “Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and **the law** and **commandments** which I have written, that you may teach them.”).

 1. Again, if Moses was in this for himself, and it was not of God but of a man seeking to gain power and prestige, why speak of one **like him** coming later who would **give a law that had to be followed** that would take attention away from Moses’ law (Deut. 18:15-19)?
 2. As such, God spoke to him “face to face” showing him the “form of the Lord” (Num. 12:6-9 – “Then He said, “Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. ⁷ Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. ⁸ **I speak with him face to face**, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he **sees the form of the Lord**. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?”).
 3. The law Moses revealed was binding (Heb. 10:28 – “Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.”).

- B. Jesus gave the world God’s law. For, He too came speaking the words of the Father (Jn. 12:47-50 – “If anyone hears My sayings and **does not keep them**, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸ He who **rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day**. ⁴⁹ For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the **Father** Himself who sent Me has **given Me a commandment** as to what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰ I know that **His commandment is eternal life**; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”).

 1. Like Moses, but in a far greater sense, Jesus:
 - a. Has **seen the Father**, not just His form (Jn. 6:46 – “Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; **He has seen the Father**.”).
 - b. **Has shown us the Father** (Jn. 14:8-9 – “Philip said to Him, “Lord, **show us the Father**, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’”).
 2. Like Moses, Jesus’ law is binding, but in a greater sense.
 - a. Heb. 2:1-4 – “For this reason **we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard**, so that we do not drift away from it. ² For if the word spoken through angels [Moses’ Law] proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, ³ **how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?** After **it** was at the **first spoken through the Lord**, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, ⁴ God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.”
 - b. Heb. 10:26-31 – “For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a terrifying expectation of judgment and **THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES**. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much severer punishment do you think

he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.” And again, “THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.” ³¹ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

- C. Though Moses was a great lawgiver for God, Jesus is greater **lawgiver**:
1. In bringing the fullness of grace and truth (Jn. 1:17 – “For the Law was given through Moses; **grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.**”).
 2. In speaking for God as **His Son, Creator and sustainer of the universe**, and in providing **propitiation for our sins** (Heb. 1:1-4 – “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed **heir of all things**, through whom also **He made the worlds**; ³ who being the **brightness of His glory** and the express **image of His person**, and **upholding all things by the word of His power**, when **He had by Himself purged our sins**, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having **become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.**”).

CONCLUSION:

1. So, though Moses and Jesus were similar in being unlikely leaders, in their ministries being connected to miracles, in being God’s lawgivers, and being rejected redeemers, in all this **Jesus is infinitely superior in every way!**
2. If you have sinned and are not a Christian, you need salvation, atonement for your sins, offered to you in Christ.
 - A. For, the plan has been worked, as you can see, by God’s own hand.
 - B. He has provided everything you need to know this plan is real and from God!
3. So, will you come to Jesus in F-R-C-B-LF!