

# The Mother of Moses

## A Lesson in Love

Introduction: *Exodus 1:7-22*

1. The children of Israel grew into a mighty nation while in Egypt.
2. When a new Pharaoh came to power, he feared the strength of Israel.
3. Thus, he forced them into slavery and began to murder their newborn male children.
4. Into this troubled situation, Jochebed gave birth to a son – Moses.

### I. She Saw **Potential** in Her Son (Exodus 2:1-2)

- A. When her son was born, she saw that he was a goodly child.
  1. “Goodly” means, “Good, pleasant, agreeable, excellent, valuable.”
  2. It may refer to physical appearance, but also goes much deeper.
- B. She viewed her son as a gift and blessing from God.
  1. Egypt viewed the birth of these children as a threat.
  2. The godly saw them as a heritage from God (Ps. 127; 1 Sam. 1:19-20).
  3. Relate to abortion...
- C. She saw the potential in her son as a servant of God.
  1. While Pharaoh was plotting wickedness, God was planning good.
  2. Amram and Jochebed acted by faith (Heb. 11:23).
  3. They trusted in the Providence of God.
  4. They invested in their son (cf. John 1:42).

### II. She **Protected** Her Son (Exodus 2:2b-6)

- A. She protected him by hiding.
  1. For three months, until it could no longer be done
  2. The protection of our children is a sober responsibility.
- B. She protected him by building.
  1. The time came when the child could not be hidden, but must go out into the world
  2. Still, Jochebed protected him by building an ark of bulrushes.
  3. Conscience (Titus 1:15; 1 Tim. 4:2)
  4. Faith (Deut. 6:6-7)
  5. Habit (Acts 17:11)
- C. She protected him by guarding.
  1. Though the child was in the world, his sister watched over him.
  2. We must be concerned with the influences over our children (1 Cor. 15:33).
- D. She protected him by trusting.
  1. She did all that she could, then trusted God.
  2. Imagine the prayers of this godly mother.
- E. She protected him by surrendering.
  1. Eventually, she had to trust her son's life to another.
  2. There comes a time when parents must let go (cf. Matt. 19:4-6).

- III. She **Prepared** Her Son (Exodus 2:7-11)
- A. Though Moses was raised as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, he was also reared by his mother.
  - B. She used her time wisely, educating the young child in his true heritage and in the knowledge of the true God (Heb. 11:24-27)
  - C. This is the great duty of parents – to prepare their children to meet God.
    - 1. Proverbs 22:6
    - 2. Genesis 18:19
    - 3. Psalm 78:3-7
    - 4. Ephesians 6:1-4
    - 5. 2 Timothy 3:15
  - D. Are you prepared to stand before God?