

Lesson II.

MOSES PREPARED FOR HIS WORK

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Exodus 2 : 11-25. Study Exodus 2 : 11-25 ; Acts 7 : 17-29 ; Hebrews 11 : 23-27

—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.—Matthew 5 : 5.

11 And it came to pass in those days, when Mo'ses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens : and he spied an Egypt'ian smiting an He'brew, one of his brethren.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that *there was* no man, he slew the Egypt'ian, and hid him in the sand.

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the He'brews strove together : and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow ?

14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us ? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egypt'ian ? And Mo'ses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Phar'ah heard this thing, he sought to slay Mo'ses. But Mo'ses fled from the face of Phar'ah, and dwelt in the land of Mid'ian : and he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Mid'ian had seven daughters : and they came and drew *water*, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 And the shepherds came and drove them away : but Mo'ses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 And when they came to Reu'el their father, he said, How *is it that ye* come so soon to day ?

19 And they said, An Egypt'ian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew *water* enough for us, and watered the flock.

20 And he said unto his daughters, And where *is* he ? why *is it that ye* have left the man ? call him, that he may eat bread.

21 And Mo'ses was content to dwell with the man : and he gave Mo'ses Zipp'orah his daughter.

22 And she bare him a son, and he called his name Ger'shom : for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of E'gypt died : and the children of Is'rael sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with A'braham, with I'saac, and with Ja'cob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Is'rael, and God had respect unto *them*.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Moses grew up to be a man, he began to notice how cruelly the poor Israelites were being treated. One day, as he was standing watching them at their hard work, he saw one of the taskmasters beating a poor Israelitish slave. There was no one else near, so Moses struck the taskmaster and killed him, and hid his body in the sand.

The next day Moses was watching his people again, when he saw one Israelite strike another ; but when Moses found fault, the man turned on him angrily, saying, "Who made you a judge over us ? Are you going to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian yesterday ?" Moses was filled with fear, for he saw that what he had done was known.

Soon Pharaoh himself heard of it and tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled away to the desert land of Midian, where Pharaoh could

not get him. There one day he sat down to rest by a well. Now in that place the women used to bring their flocks to this well to water them, and it happened that as Moses sat there, the seven daughters of a priest of Midian came with their flocks to the well. As they were filling the troughs with water, some rude shepherds tried to prevent them ; but Moses drove the shepherds away and helped the maidens to water their flock.

When the maidens came home, their father asked them how they had returned so soon, and they told him what had happened. "But where have you left the man ?" asked Jethro, for that was the priest's name. "Call him now, and ask him to take a meal with us." So Moses came in and dined with Jethro. Afterwards he married one of his daughters called Zipporah, and lived very