

A MURAL OF MOTHERHOOD

Exodus 1:15 – 2:10

Look with me today at how three “moms” in this passage bring honor and glory to God.

I. THE MIDWIVES’ CONVICTION TO OBEY GOD (1:15-21)

- Committed to truth

A. THE EDICT (15-16)

- Because there are too many Hebrews.

B. THE PROBLEM (17-19)

1. The midwives’ resolve (17)
 - They feared God and let the boys live
2. The Hebrew mother’s strength (18-19)

C. THE RESULT (20-21)

1. God’s goodness (20a)
2. God’s intervention (20b)
3. God’s blessing (21)
 - The midwives became mothers!

D. SUMMARY: These midwives’ convictions are highly respected by God.

II. A MOTHER’S COURAGE TO TRUST GOD (1:22-2:9)

- Committed to faith

A. THE KING’S COMMAND (1:22)

B. A MOTHER’S RESOLVE (2:1-4)

1. Hide the child (1-2)
 - Because she and her husband trusted God - See Hebrews 11:23
2. Protect the child (3)
 - In order to save him, she had to let him go!
3. Watch the child (4)

C. THE RESULT (2:5-9)

1. He is found by Pharaoh’s daughter (5)
2. He is nursed by his own mother (7-9)
 - She gave him away and got him back again!

D. SUMMARY: This mother’s trust is richly rewarded by God.

III. A MONARCH'S COMPASSION TO SHELTER GOD'S SERVANT (2:5-10)

- Committed to caring.

A. HER TENDERNESS (5-6)

1. Interest in the basket
 - She saw it, brought it and opened it
2. Involvement with the boy
 - She had pity

B. HER DETERMINATION (7-9)

1. Care for the child
 - Hiring a nurse
2. Protect the child

C. THE RESULT (10)

1. Pharaoh's daughter adopts the child
 - a. He became her son - See Acts 7:17-20
 - b. She gave him a name
2. Pharaoh becomes this child's grandpa!
 - What tremendous irony.

D. SUMMARY: This monarch's care is greatly used by God.

CONCLUSION:

So, what do we see when we tour this motherhood hall of God's art gallery?

- We might only see two midwives, a mom and a monarch ...

But what does God see?

- *God sees conviction, courage and compassion.*

- And what does God see when He looks at us moms, dads and kids?

God can do great things, amazing things, awesome things with those who obey Him, trust Him and yield to Him.

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