

# More the Moses

## **Intro:**

Acts 20:29-30

What is the danger

Acts 4:11-20; 5:27-29

Christless Christianity

But what does this look like in practice?

Building your ark...lessons learned from Noah

3 ways to defeat pharaoh today

Defeating the Goliaths in your life

You are not Noah, you are not Moses, and you are not David...It's not about you...but that doesn't mean its not for you.

## **Problem:**

Phil 1:12-18

Paul gets to the bottom line of all preaching - the question is not: was self-improvement, success, or social justice proclaimed...but was Christ proclaimed?

Phil 3:1-8

Every moralism, every portrait of success, every preview of blessing and perfection in Scripture is centered on the person of Christ. To miss this is to misunderstand everything especially exodus...

We climb to the pinnacle of exodus and see...a portrait of Moses?

## **Main Idea:**

At the pinnacle of exodus we find a portrait of

Moses the builder

Moses the mediator

Moses the servant

But its about more than Moses

## **Implication:**

Behold the better builder

Behold the better mediator

Behold the better servant

## **Application:**

Worthy of all our attention

Phil 4:4-9 (Heb 12:1-2)

This is not how we pursue peace...

Too much introspection - the Bible does not call us to untethered introspection but to a bold extrospection - turning our gaze away from our navel upward to Christ...

At the pinnacle of exodus we are invited to see Him, to think on Him to fix the eyes of our hearts on Him - He is the better builder, the better mediator, the better servant -

Rev 5

and He is worthy of your total attention

## **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Christless-Christianity.html>

<https://www.reformation21.org/blog/thinking-about-jesus-owen-on-meditating-on-christs-glory>

[https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/spurgeon\\_charles/sermons/2690.cfm](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/spurgeon_charles/sermons/2690.cfm)

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Text:

**At the pinnacle of exodus we find a portrait of...**

**Moses the builder**

Exodus 39:32 ¶ **Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished, and the people of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did.**

Exodus 39:33 **Then they brought the tabernacle to Moses,** the tent and all its utensils, its hooks, its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; Exodus 39:34 the covering of tanned rams' skins and goatskins, and the veil of the screen;

Exodus 39:35 the ark of the testimony with its poles and the mercy seat; Exodus 39:36 the table with all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence;

Exodus 39:37 the lampstand of pure gold and its lamps with the lamps set and all its utensils, and the oil for the light;

Exodus 39:38 the golden altar, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the entrance of the tent;

Exodus 39:39 the bronze altar, and its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils; the basin and its stand;

Exodus 39:40 the hangings of the court, its pillars, and its bases, and the screen for the gate of the court, its cords, and its pegs; and all the utensils for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting;

Exodus 39:41 the finely worked garments for ministering in the Holy Place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons for their service as priests.

Exodus 39:42 **According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses,** so the people of Israel had done all the work.

Exodus 39:43 **And Moses saw all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, so had they done it. Then Moses blessed them.**

ex 25:8-9 (Moses the successful builder)

Gen 1:31-2:3 (bigger story is being told)

Rev 21:1-5 (but its not really about Moses)

**Moses the mediator**

Exodus 40:1 ¶ **The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,**

Exodus 40:2 "On the first day of the first month **you shall erect** the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

Exodus 40:3 **And you shall put** in it the ark of the testimony, and **you shall screen** the ark with the veil.

Exodus 40:4 **And you shall bring** in the table and arrange it, and **you shall bring** in the lampstand and set up its lamps.

Exodus 40:5 **And you shall put** the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the screen for the door of the tabernacle.

Exodus 40:6 **You shall set** the altar of burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting,

Exodus 40:7 **and place** the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, **and put** water in it.

Exodus 40:8 **And you shall set up** the court all around, and hang up the screen for the gate of the court.

Exodus 40:9 ¶ "Then **you shall take** the anointing oil **and anoint** the tabernacle and all that is in it, **and consecrate** it and all its furniture, so that it may become holy.

Exodus 40:10 **You shall also anoint** the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, **and consecrate** the altar, so that the altar may become most holy.

Exodus 40:11 **You shall also anoint** the basin and its stand, **and consecrate** it.

Exodus 40:12 Then **you shall bring** Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting **and shall wash** them with water

Exodus 40:13 **and put** on Aaron the holy garments. **And you shall anoint** him **and consecrate** him, that he may serve me as priest.

Exodus 40:14 **You shall bring** his sons also **and put** coats on them, Exodus 40:15 **and anoint** them, as you anointed their father, that they may serve me as priests. And their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations."

ex 20:19; 32:11 (Moses the successful mediator)

Job 9:25-35 (its not really about Moses)

**Moses the servant**

Exodus 40:16 ¶ **This Moses did; according to all that the LORD commanded him, so he did.**

Exodus 40:17 In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected.

Exodus 40:18 **Moses erected** the tabernacle. **He laid** its bases, **and set up** its frames, **and put** in its poles, **and raised up** its pillars.

Exodus 40:19 **And he spread** the tent over the tabernacle **and put** the covering of the tent over it, **as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exodus 40:20 **He took** the testimony **and put** it into the ark, **and put** the poles on the ark **and set** the mercy seat above on the ark.

Exodus 40:21 **And he brought** the ark into the tabernacle **and set up** the veil of the screen, **and screened** the ark of the testimony, **as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exodus 40:22 **He put** the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil,

Exodus 40:23 **and arranged** the bread on it before the LORD, **as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exodus 40:24 **He put** the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle,

Exodus 40:25 **and set up** the lamps before the LORD, **as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exodus 40:26 **He put** the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the veil,

Exodus 40:27 **and burned** fragrant incense on it, **as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exodus 40:28 **He put** in place the screen for the door of the tabernacle.

Exodus 40:29 **And he set** the altar of burnt offering at the entrance of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, **and offered** on it the burnt offering and the grain offering, **as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exodus 40:30 **He set** the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, **and put** water in it for washing,

Exodus 40:31 with which Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.

Exodus 40:32 When they went into the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, **as the LORD commanded Moses.**

Exodus 40:33 **And he erected** the court around the tabernacle and the altar, **and set up** the screen of the gate of the court. **So Moses finished the work.**

Ex 3:11-4:17 (Moses the successful servant?)

Matt 16:13-19 (but its not really about Moses)

**But its about more than Moses**

Exodus 40:34 ¶ **Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.**

Exodus 40:35 **And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.**

Exodus 40:36 Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out.

Exodus 40:37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up.

Exodus 40:38 **For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.**

1 kings 7:51; 8:10-11 (God approved of His work)

acts 7:17-37 (exodus not a portrait but a preview)

(deut 18:15 (listen to Him))

Luke 9:28-36 (it is ultimately a portrait of Christ)

Lk 24:25-27 (the whole OT is about Him)

Col 1:15-23 (all of creation - everything - is about Him)

heb 3:1-6 (Behold the better builder, the better servant, the better mediator)

## Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED  
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
  - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
  - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
  - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
  - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED  
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

### Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

### Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
  - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
  - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?
  
- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
  - How does this message change or impact your:
    - Prayer Life?
    - Evangelism?
    - Bible Reading?
    - Christian Relationships?
    - Non-Christian relationships?
    - Parenting?
    - Role as a Husband/Wife?
    - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**