

MOSES' CHOICE

“Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.”
Hebrews 11:25

The First Part

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God Will Sometimes Be Honored With the Sufferings of Men in High Places Rather Than With Their Services

Having finished *Moses's Self-Denial*, namely what he refused, together with the circumstances of time and the principle by which he was enabled thereunto, now what it was that he chose we are to consider—his appearing for and joining himself with the afflicted people of God, although

he knew he must partake with them in their afflictions. He saw that God would rather be honored by him in an afflicted state than in the enjoyment of all his glory that he might have had. He was willing to submit to God in that way.

Yet he might have had many reasons in himself that might have drawn his heart another way; he might have thought that in his keeping the honor and power he had in the court, he might have done a great deal of service for God. In improving his time with Pharaoh and his nobles for the people of God, he might have been of great use for them. He might have thought that it was a thing of great consequence for them to have a friend in the court, that might do them so much good, as it was probable he might have done. Yea, he might have thought to himself, "Surely God intends to use me here in some great service for His people, for how wonderful has His providence been towards me in bringing me to, in raising of me up, and continuing me in this honor? What a strange and extraordinary providence of God was it to dispose of my parents' hearts to hide me in such a manner as they did among the bullrushes? How providential it was that the daughter of Pharaoh must come at that time to the river, and that I must be found by her and nobody else, and that God should dispose of her heart so as to commiserate my condition, and to be so inclined towards me as she was that she should not only preserve my life,