

## Hebrews 11:27

KJV	International Children's Bible	English Standard Version
<p><sup>27</sup> By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.</p>	<p><sup>27</sup> It was by faith that Moses left Egypt. He was not afraid of the king's anger. Moses continued strong as if he could see the God that no one can see.</p>	<p><sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.</p>

**By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king:** Moses actually left Egypt twice. The first time he left was to escape punishment for killing the Egyptian. Pharaoh who wanted to punish Moses for killing according to Exodus 2:12-15.

Pharaoh's wrath did not deter Moses from following the will of God. Moses was fearful but not to the point where he rejected his purpose. Acts 7:25 tells us that Moses thought his people understood that God was using Moses to deliver them.

The second time was in the great exodus. There was a 40-year period between the two events. However, Moses not only left Egypt but he "forsook" it. Forsook is a strong word that means to abandon or renounce something. During his second leaving, Moses gave up being considered a royal Egyptian prince. Nothing stopped him from following the Lord and identifying with the people of Israel; and last part of this verse tells us why.

**For he endured, as seeing him who is invisible** - "Endured" means steadfastness during all the trying times dealing with Pharaoh. No one really knows how long the ten plagues lasted; however, the primary text of Jewish rabbis, the Mishnah, indicates about a year. It is not in the Bible, so we don't really know. The Bible does tell us that it could not have been longer than a year. Let's break it down by scripture.

According to Exodus 7:7, how old was Moses when the plagues started? \_\_\_\_\_

According to Deuteronomy 8:2, how long did the Israelites wander in the wilderness after the plagues were done and Pharaoh released them? \_\_\_\_\_

According to Deuteronomy 34:7, how long did Moses live? \_\_\_\_\_. With these numbers, the plagues had to be less than a year.

Moses had to act of faith to believe a God he could not see. Let's read Exodus 33:18-23, Deuteronomy 4:12, Romans 1:20 and 1 Timothy 1:17. We can list some of the attributes of God in these scriptures. Moses' decision had to do with the invisible God, not his fear of visible Pharaoh. Moses decided to believe the invisible God. Isn't that what we do when we trust God as our Savior? Doesn't it make better sense to trust the Creator more than you trust the creation? God is absolute and complete.