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- <sup>23</sup> "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,
- <sup>26</sup> considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.
- <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen."

Ignorance of the future is mankind's frightening reality. Particularly in times of stress and uncertainty, the road ahead appears dark. But believers have a special gift that helps them face life's unknowns. We possess spiritual eyes that are trainable for seeing the omniscient God who holds the future in His hand.

Moses challenged Egypt's Pharaoh, led the children of Israel through the Red Sea, and endured turmoil and rebellion as a nomadic leader because he saw "**Him who is unseen**" (<u>Hebrews 11:27</u>). Moses' spiritual eyes were focused on God, and he trusted the Father completely.

Our daily existence may not be as dramatic as that of an Old Testament political rebel, but like Moses, we all have a purpose for which we are called to move forward without detailed instructions. And we share in the promised presence of God.

But it's important to realize the Father reveals Himself only to clean-hearted believers. (See <u>Matthew 5:8.</u>) "Pure in heart" refers to holy thinking, which rejects incorrect ideas and replaces them with obedience. When a sinful thought occurs, pure-hearted believers confess and repent in order to move ahead in righteousness. In other words, the people who develop spiritual eyes to see God are those who are dedicated to knowing and serving Him. As we study Scripture to learn His commands, desires, and way of operating, we start to think as He does.

When believers' hearts are clean, their spirit can sense the Father's abiding presence. Consequently, we can face life's unknowns hand in hand with Him.