

“Hebrews #14”

Hebrews 11: 1-39 / 12: 1-2

Review: Last week 10: 26-39 / 11: 1-3... We looked at the danger of viewing the Blood of the Covenant as a common thing!

10:29 (NKJV) *“How much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace.”*

- It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God...
- God cannot and will not overlook willful sin.

We need endurance and confidence after suffering, in order to receive the promise of God.

- This is accomplished by faith... *“God’s righteous shall live by faith.”*
- V39... *“We are not those who shrink back and are destroyed... it’s our faith that preserves our souls.”*

Brings us to our study tonight:

(Text) 11: 1-3 (Read)

- V1... The writer of Hebrews is not attempting to define faith per se, but rather he is showing the connection between faith and patient endurance.
- Consider the context... There is no chapters and verses, this is a continuation of a thought. 10: 32, 35-39... (ESV)

Is 11:1 a statement of faith... Yes, but so is verse 6... "Whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exist and that He rewards those that seek Him." (ESV)

- V3... **"By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God."**
- V2... (NKJV) *"By it (faith) the elders obtained a good testimony."*
- This is critical to the rest of chapter 11...

IN ALL THE FOLLOWING VERSES I'M GOING TO BRING OUT SOMETHINGS THAT SPEAK TO ME... YOU CAN JUMP IN ANYTIME WITH YOUR THOUGHTS!

(Text) 11: 4 (Read)

- By faith Abel... offered a more acceptable sacrifice...
- There is a lot a discussion as to why Abels was more acceptable.
- OT doesn't really tell us... here in Hebrews we are told. **(A sacrifice mixed with faith)**

(Text) 11:5-6 (Read)

- Again, it was Enoch's faith that pleased God...

V7... (NKJV) *"By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark... and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."*

V8... (NKJV)

- By faith Abraham Obeyed God and he went out not knowing where he was going...

V9-10... (NKJV)

- By faith he journeyed in the land of promise as in a foreign country...
- Peter, we are pilgrims and sojourners. (1 Peter 2: 11)

V11... (NKJV)

- By faith Sarah received strength... because she judged Him faithful who promised.
- But she didn't have perfect unwavering faith... *She laughed at God when 1st promised.*

V12... (NKJV)

- Because Abraham and Sarah believed... God fulfilled the promise.

V's 13-16... (NKJV)

What is God looking for? ... What He has deposited in our lives, (FAITH)... When Jesus returns will He find faith on the earth...

V's 17-22... (NKJV) By faith, by faith, by faith

V's 23-29... (NKJV)

1. By faith Moses, was not afraid of the Kings command...
2. Choose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than enjoy the passing (fleeting) pleasures of sin.
3. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches...
4. Didn't fear the wrath of the king...
5. By faith kept the Passover...
6. By faith he crossed the red sea on dry ground...

V's 30-31... (NKJV)

- By faith Rahab the harlot (Prostitute)... did not perish because she believed.
- Remember V6...

V's 32-38... (NKJV) – Faith in the midst of trials and suffering – **not all victory here on earth!**

Matt. 5: 44-45 ***"You have heard it said you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be the sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and the unjust. (ESV)***

Luke 13: 1-4 ***"There were some present at that very time who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And He answered them, do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower of Siloam fell and killed them: do you think they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."*** (ESV)

V's 39-40... 12: 1-2 (Read)