

TEXT- Hebrews 10:23-39

INTRO- Heb 10:19 *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,*

Having therefore describes the superior sacrifice of Christ.

This is the reason we can go on.

I. A Patient Endurance of our Faith

- **A Superior Principle:** Faith (11-13)

This patient endurance will be illustrated in chapter 11 of all those that endured by faith without receiving the promise.

- **The just shall live by faith**

Heb 10:38 *Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

Rom. 1:17 . . . *The just shall live by FAITH - Justification.*

Gal. 3:11 *The JUST shall live by faith. - Not by the law*

Heb. 10:38 *Now the just shall LIVE by faith: - Living by His promises*

Hab 2:3-4 *For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*

- **Faith must be in God’s Word**

All the believers of Hebrews 11 received the Word of God and believed it

Heb. 10:35-36 *Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*

Has God spoken?

What did He say?

Is what He said true?

II. The Basis for Faith

Heb 11:1 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

What is substance?

Substance – Foundation – Ground; papyri - Title deed

It all rests on the faithfulness of God!

If there is no God or if His promises are not true we have no basis for Faith

Rom. 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Abraham heard and he believed God!

We believe many things said by man but do we believe God?

Faith is hearing and believing what God says.

Heb 1:1 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Evidence - The proof, the conviction

Isa 1:2 *Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, God hath spoken. Do we believe what He said?*

2 Pe 1:4 *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

Psa. 27:1 *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Jer 33:3 *Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

Luke 6:38 *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

Eph. 3:20 *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

Every instance of faith in Hebrews 11 is “Things hoped for” or “things not seen”

Noah believed the truth of things not seen as yet vs. 7

Moses endured as “seeing Him who is invisible” vs. 27

Abraham saw that day “afar off.” John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

III. The Examples of Faith

Heb. 11:2 *For by it the elders obtained a good report.*

The great cloud of witnesses **12:1**

This is an exhortation to patience understanding the great tribulation through which they were passing.

The tribulation of the Hebrews is not specified however it was under the rule of Nero emperor of Rome. Nero was a diabolical leader. Rome burned about the time of the writing of this letter. 64 AD

Heb. 10:39 *But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.*

Rom. 8:24-25 *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.*

The examples of patient faith were needed for these Hebrew believers.

Heb. 11:3 *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

What happens around us is not by chance. God ordered the world by His Word!

Eph. 1:10 *That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:*

Noah did not judge by the worlds view but was patient in faith believing God's Word.

These men and women of faith did not judge by what appeared to be true in the world in which they lived but by the revealed Word of God.

By faith we believe Jesus Christ died for our sins

By faith we believe He is in heaven interceding for us

By faith we believe He will return for us in the rapture

By faith we believe we will rule and reign with Him in the future kingdom.

1 Th. 4:13-18 *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the

word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall

descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are

alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore

comfort one another with these words.

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