

For Joy with Roots
The Glory, Joy & Hope that Enable Us to Endure
Hebrews 11:1–40
March 16, 2014
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Children’s Sermon: Glorious Things...

1 Peter 1:3–12

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be **born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,** ⁴ **to an inheritance** that [cannot be broken, cannot get dirty, and will not fade], **kept in heaven for you,** ⁵ who by God’s power are being guarded **through faith** for a salvation ready to be revealed **in the last time.**

John 17:3

³ And ***this is eternal life, that they know you*** the only true ***God,*** and ***Jesus Christ*** whom you have sent.

Key Idea

The Holy Spirit gives us a taste of the joy and glory of knowing God so that we can endure the trials of this life.

II. Consider the Endurance of Faith

A. Consider David

Hebrews 11:32–35a

³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of **David** and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. ...

B. Consider those Who Refused to Except
Release

Hebrews 11:35b–38

Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

2 Maccabees 7:1–5, 10–11, 13–14 (NRSV)

¹ It happened also that seven brothers and their mother were arrested and were being compelled by the king (Antiochus¹), under torture with whips and thongs, to partake of unlawful swine's flesh.² [The first brother said], "What do you intend to ask and learn from us? For we are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors."

³ The king fell into a rage, and gave orders to have pans and caldrons heated.⁴ These were heated immediately, and he commanded that the tongue of their spokesman be cut out and that they scalp him and cut off his hands and feet, while the rest of the brothers and the mother looked on.⁵ When he was utterly helpless, the king ordered them to take him to the fire, still breathing, and to fry him in a pan.

...¹⁰ After him, *the third* was the victim of their sport. When it was demanded, he quickly put out his tongue and courageously stretched forth his hands,¹¹ and said nobly, "I got these from Heaven, and because of his laws I disdain them, and from him I hope to get them back again." ...

¹ **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** was a Greek king of the Seleucid Empire from 175 BC until his death in 164 BC.

¹³ After he too had died, they maltreated and tortured ***the fourth*** in the same way. ¹⁴ When he was near death, he said, “One cannot but choose to die at the hands of mortals and to *cherish the hope God gives of being raised again by him.* But for you there will be no resurrection to life!”

III. Consider the Glory, Joy & Hope

A. The Object of Faith for the OT Saints

Hebrews 11:13–14, 16, 39–40

¹³ **These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar,** and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ... ¹⁶ ...they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for **he has prepared for them a city**. ... ³⁹ And **all these**, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ **since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.**

1 Peter 1:10–12

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, **the prophets** who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he **predicted the sufferings of Christ** and **the subsequent glories**. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached **the good news** to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, *things into which angels long to look.*

- B. “Born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”

1 Peter 1:3–12

an inheritance ... kept in heaven *for you*,⁵ who by God's power are being guarded *through faith* for a salvation ready to be revealed **in the last time**.

⁶ In *this* you rejoice, **though now** for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,⁷ so that the tested genuineness of *your faith*—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, *you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory*,⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

2 Corinthians 5:4–5 (Cf. 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 2 Cor. 5:5)

⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be *swallowed up by life*.⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, *who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

Key Idea

The Holy Spirit gives us a taste of His glory now guaranteeing for us His eternal glory in the future. This God given glory and joy nourishes our faith enabling us to persevere.