

INTRODUCTION

1. Hb 11:10:36-39 - Hab 2:4. The role of faith in sanctification - living faith produces fruit in words & deeds.
2. Faith believes promises in the face of death.
 - i. Hb 11:30 - at commencement of military campaign
 - ii. v31 - *did not perish* .
3. Physical death - ultimate eternal death.

1st: A Generation of Unbelievers - v28-30

1. Notice anything missing? What about the Exodus generation?
2. Entire generation characterized by unbelief, idolatry - 3:7-13
 - i. Cites Ps 95 - 4:7-11 the Sab Rest was established in creation [4:4 cites Gn 2:2]. Joshua: Canaan was not *that* rest. It was a type, picture.
 - ii. Note: 3:18 *those who were disobedient*
 - iii. Idolatry: the golden calf - Exo 31:14ff
 - iv. Only remnant believes - Joshua & Rahab

2nd: The Exemplary Faith of Joshua - v30

1. Interplay tw/ the faith of the leader & the led - v28 *he* , v29 *they*. v30?
 - i. Deut 29 - cov w/ 2nd generation about to enter Canaan
 - ii. Exhibited faith to follow strategy for conquest of Jericho.
2. Josh 1 - repeated *be strong & courageous* - v5-9, v18
3. Josh sends 2 spies - chpt 3: cross Jordan - chpt 4: memorial - chpt 5: Canaanites hear of YHWH & Israel aligns w/ cov [circum & Passover].
4. Josh 5:13-15 Josh & *Captain of Lord's host* = YHWH - 6:1-5 strategy
 - i. v2 - strange strategy requires faith
 - ii. Who marches?
 - iii. v4 - repeats the number 7 - what comes to mind? Worship.
 - a. Sabbath cadence

- b. See anyone else in the processional? v4, v6, v7, v8, v9, v11, v12, v13 [2x]. v8: *the LORD*.

iv. Contrast of silence & shout - v10.

v. Imagine what people of Jericho thought.

5. v17-19 Jericho devoted to Lord - conquer as an act of worship
6. Josh 6:20-21 Jericho razed - rebuild wld repeat 10th plague - 1Kg 16:34
7. Hb 7:30 - *7 days* - remind of Sab significance - promises of AbCov fueled faith & victory given to a worshipping people.

3rd: The Exemplary Faith of Rahab - v31

1. Josh & Rahab - nothg in common: except saving faith. Sarah [Hb 11:11]
2. Josh 2 - Rahab hid the 2 spies who swear to protect her - why?
 - i. v9-11 - Rahab believes in YHWH [1Thes 1:9] - 5:1
 - ii. Rahab *heard* & believed, whereas many Israelites did not believe!
 - iii. 2:9 - faith in promises to Ab: *YHWH has given you* [Ab's seed] *the land*. She sides w/ Israel at risk of her life.
 - iv. Faith - immediate deliverance - ultimate significance.
3. Josh 2:23-24 Rahab's faith encouraged Josh. Josh 6:22-25 rescued & assimilated into Israel & listed in Hb 11:31. Who are *those who were disobedient*? Hb 3:18 = the Exodus generation.

Applic #1: Learn from the Battle Strategy of Jericho

1. Xn life is lived on battlefield: 2T 4:7. "Have we fought a good fight?"
2. Worship as battle strategy? 1C 12:9 *dwell*: Lord's tabernacling presence.

Applic #2: Realize that the Issues in this Battle Concern Eternal Life or Death

1. A generation living among apostates & pagans. Sobering.
2. Remnant: believers whose faith was sustained in worship & evidenced in obedience - in the face of death - enter the Promised Land.