

INTRODUCTION

1. Hb 11 - examples of faith.
2. Author assumes our knowledge of Redemptive History. We are to take our place & *endure as seeing Him who is unseen* [v27].

1st: An Overview of Vss 32-40

1. Change in rhetorical style from pattern of v3-31.
2. v32 *what more can I say?* = rhetorical question - pressed for time
  - i. Paralipsis: rhetorical device: abrupt turn
  - ii. The examples of v32-38 are just as important as those in v3-31.
3. v32ff - staccato effect - a "rhythmic barrage"
  - i. Author invites us to add to the list - indefinite allusions intended to bring others to mind - engages audience involvement.
  - ii. The list could be extended to include other faithful people.
4. Inclusio: v33 *those who by faith* w/ v39 *thru their faith*.
  - i. v32-35a - saeculum [this age] triumphs
  - ii. v35b-38 - saeculum suffering - v34 // v37
  - iii. v39-40 *all these* = all from v4 to v38. v2 & v29 *gain approval* = inclusio of chpt 11. Hb's concerns sanctification: faith -> good works
5. Another inclusio - v3 *we* & v40 *us* [2x]. 12:1-2 - focus is on *we, us, our* - faith in Jesus: *the HIM who is unseen* [11:27]

2nd: The Men of Faith - Heb 11:32

1. Names 6 men & *the prophets* - period of judges to the monarchy & pts to time of *the prophets* - i.e. rest of OT. Categorizes deliverances given to faith [v33-35a].
2. Time of judges - *Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah* = military generals
3. *Gideon* [Jdg 6-7] - defeated Midianites w/ 300 men
4. *Barak* - [Jdg 4-5] Deborah - defeated Canaanites
5. *Samson* - [Jdg 13-16] defeated Philistines
6. *Jephthah* [Jdg 11] defeated Amorites

7. *David* - 4:7 [Ps 95] - warfare & worship - 1Kg 11:4-6. repentance [Ps 32 & 51]; DavCov [1Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22]: type of Christ.
8. *Samuel* - bridge to monarchy
9. *prophets* -Elijah, Elisha, Isa, Jer, Ezek, Dan & 12 minor prophets -> JnB.

3rd: The Deliverances Given to the Men of Faith - v33-35a

1. 10 phrases - 3 groups of 3 short phrases; v35a a longer culminating phrase
2. Recapping experiences of those already named:
  - i. *who by faith conquered kingdoms*
  - ii. *performed acts of righteousness* - [2Sam 8:14c-15]
  - iii. *obtained promises*: Ab [Hb 6:15] yet v39
3. Deliverances from death
  - i. *shut mouths of lions*:
  - ii. *quenched the power of fire*:
  - iii. *escaped the edge of the sword*:
4. Deliverances thru the enabling power of God
  - i. *from weakness were made strong*:
  - ii. *became mighty in war*
  - iii. *put foreign armies to flight*:
5. *Women received back their dead by resurrection*:

Applic #1: Faith Receives Promised Blessings in this Life.

1. "Already-not-yet": v39 *All these* - given grace to endure.
2. Faith given providential protection & provisions.

Applic #2: Let Us Live by Faith

1. Eph 3:20-21 - *He is able* - Dan 3:17-18 *our God whom we serve is able to deliver us... but even if He does not...* we will yet serve King Jesus.