

The Book of Hebrews
Continue in the Faith That Pleases God (Pt 2)
Hebrews 11:17-40 (page 844)

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Faith exemplified by the Patriarchs

(vs 11:17-22; Gal 3:7, 29; Heb 6:13-15)

- The testimony of Abraham - the Life of Faith (vs 8-19)
 - faith is proven - in the sacrifice of obedience (vs 17-19; Gen 22:1-19)
- The testimony of the patriarchs - the vision of faith (vs 20-22)
 - Isaac trusted that God would fulfill His promises (v 20; Gen 26-27)
 - Jacob, even at his death, did not waver in his faith that God would fulfill His promise in his descendants (v 21; Gen 48:19-22)
 - Joseph had confident faith that God would deliver Israel and fulfill His promise to give them the land (v 22; Gen 50:24-25)

Faith exemplified in the “Exodus generation” (11:23-31)

- Moses - the decisions of faith (vs 23-28)
Faith...
 - overcomes our fears (v 23; Exo 1-2)
 - determines our choices (vs 24-26; Exo 1-2)
 - sharpens our commitment (v 27; Exo 2:14-15; 12:1ff)
 - depends on God’s provision (v 28; Exo 12:1-30)

Notable examples of faith in Israel’s history (Heb 11:29-34)

- Faith that...
 - overcomes difficulties (v 29; Exo 14-15)
 - removes obstacles (v 30; Josh 6)
 - results in action (v 31; Josh 2:1-24; 6:22-25; Matt 1:5)
 - is courageous (vs 32-34 Jud 6:11-8:35; 4:4-23; 13-16; 11:1-33; 1 Sam 13:14; 16:1,13; 2 Sam 7:12-16)

Faith exemplified amid trials (Heb 11:35-38)

The point of the summary is that:

because of their faith, these people courageously and uncompromisingly endured affliction and suffering for something better.

Faith has a better hope (Heb 11:39-40)

The faith of these people (in Hebrews 11) was not in some immediate fulfillment of God’s promises, but in the ultimate fulfillment of His promises!

What’s the point?

The “*better hope*” is fulfilled in the person and work of our great High Priest and Son of God, Jesus Christ - have faith in Him!