

# December 23/Day 357

## Hebrews 11

### Verses 1-2

- When we left off in chapter ten, the author was telling us the Law was only a shadow of the good things to come. The Law was obsolete and ready to disappear. While the Law is still a good thing because it defines sin/shows us our sin, we do not live by the Law, we live by faith. Here the author defines faith.

### Verses 3-7

- This chapter is commonly referred to as the Hall of Faith. Notice who is mentioned here.
- What is not possible without faith? Did you know it's possible to try your whole life to please God by your works? It's possible to live that way but it's futile.
- In what way did Noah condemn the world?

### Verses 8-12

- Why are Abraham and Sarah mentioned in the Hall of Faith
- What about Jacob and Isaac?

### Verses 13-16

- How did all these die?
- Had they received the promise?
- What were they on earth?

### Verses 17-22

- What is said of Abraham and Isaac here?
- What does verse 19 say Abraham considered?
- What picture did this represent? Of whom was Isaac a type (picture)?
- What is said of Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph?
- Was Esau included in the faith part?

### Verses 23-29

- What is said of Moses here?
- Describe the contrast of the two situations in verse 25.
- How did Moses do all the things he did?

### Verses 30-31

- Joshua's name is not mentioned here, but this is about his part.

Verses 32-38

- Do you remember the feats of the judges mentioned here?
- Do you remember David and Samuel?
- What about the prophets?
- What accomplishments are mentioned?
- What happened to some in verses 35-38?
- Doesn't sound like a health and wealth gospel to me. Is there any application for us?

Verses 39-40

- What did all these gain? How?
- Yet they did not receive what?

## Hebrews 12

Verses 1-2

- "Therefore", who is our cloud of witnesses?
- Because we have the example of these who died before the promise was manifest (Jesus, the promised One), what are we to lay aside and why?
- Where do we fix our eyes, on our problems, our persecutions, our circumstances?
- What is He to our faith?
- Why, what did He do?
- Why did He sit down? Do you remember?

Verse 3

- Why should we consider Jesus?

Verses 4-6

- While these men were experiencing persecution, they had not yet died for the faith.
- Their trials were the discipline of God. Not punishment, but discipline. The word means "child training". It is the same meaning as a soldier or an athlete is disciplined.

Verses 7-11

- If He is not disciplining us (training us), what does it mean?
- What is its purpose?
- Is it always pleasant? But what does it yield? What are the results?

Verses 12-13

- What is our instruction to aid those going through it?

Verses 14-17

- What are we to pursue? Scripture has already told us we will have enemies, so it is not always possible to be at peace with all men, yet we are to pursue it.
- What root are we to watch out for? What does it do and what does it cause us to fall short of? Think about where it comes from in regard to the context.
- Now we see Esau again. What is said of him?
- Did he have a choice?

Verses 18-24

- Which two mountains are contrasted here? What are their differences?
- Who mediated the new covenant?

Verses 25-29

- What should we be careful not to refuse? Why?
- What is our kingdom like as believers?
- Why do we offer acceptable service with reverence and awe?
- In regard to the answer to the last question, what did this do with sacrifice under the old covenant?

## Hebrews 13

Verses 1-6

- Who had some entertained without knowing it? Can you remember a situation from Genesis with Abraham?
- Why should they remember the prisoners? For what were they imprisoned?
- What does the author say about marriage?
- What does he say about the love of money?

Verses 7-14

- What does he say to imitate? A person? Or, a part of their character? Is there application for us in this?
- Does Jesus change? Do His standards change? Do His teachings change? Does the culture cancel out His teachings?
- By what will the heart be strengthened?

- What is said about the offerings outside the camp? What about Jesus?

Verses 15-16

- What kind of sacrifice to believers offer up?
- Is this east when we are experiencing a trial or persecution? This is what makes it a sacrifice.

Verse 17

- What should our relationships with spiritual leaders look like?

Verses 18-19

- What is the author's request?

Verses 20-21

- What blessing does he speak over them?

Verses 22-25

- What does he call the word he spoke to them here?
- Who is mentioned in this passage?
- From where is the author writing?
- Because of this last passage, scholars usually attribute this letter to Paul. Though it is unlike his other letters, where he signs his name in the greeting. It is not necessary for us to know. The author points to Jesus. He is the point.

Congratulations on finishing Hebrews! See you tomorrow.