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"FAITH TO FACE THE END"

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THE FAITH TO FACE HARDSHIPS

HEBREWS 11:32-38

Faith in Bad Times—Hebrews 11:35b-40

Bad times are when faith will be tested more pointedly Revelation 2:10; 3:10-11

Moses' example Acts 7:23-29; Ex. 3-4; 5:20; 6:28-7:7; 17:1-7; 32:7-34:35; Numbers 11,12,13-14; 16-17; 20:1-13

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- ***Because you have not believed me, to treat me as holy…you shall not bring this assembly into the land*** *that* ***I have given them*** v.12,24; Deuteronomy 3:23-28

How We By Faith Treat God as Holy

- Believe God is the exclusive (holy) One to be worshipped by His creation Rom. 1:21-25
- Believe God is the exclusive (holy) Author of how we worship and serve Him Matt. 28:18; Heb. 5:8-9
- Living by faith is living by the authority of Christ found in the word of Christ Matt. 8:5-13

Heroes of Faith—Hebrews 11:32-35a

- **Gideon** 300 men defeated innumerable army **Judges 7**
- **Barak** routed a 900 chariot army **Jg 4; 1:19**
- **Samson** Nazarite of great strength **Jg 13-16**
- **Jephthah** kept his word **Jg 11**
- **David** killed Goliath **1 Samuel 13:14**; **Psalm 89:19-37**; **Acts 13:22-39**
- **Samuel** interceded for Israel **1 Sam. 12:20-25**; **Jer. 15:1**; **Acts 3:24**

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- Prophets (David was a prophet Acts 2:29-32)

Subdued kingdoms (David 2 Sam. 5,8)

Worked righteousness (David 2 Kings 16:2)

Obtained promises (David 2 Sam. 7:12-17)

Stopped the mouths of lions (Daniel Daniel 6)

Quenched the violence of fire (Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego Dan. 3)

Escaped the edge of the sword (David, Elijah)

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From ***weakness*** *were made strong* (Elijah)

Became valiant in ***battle*** (Jonathan, then David 1 Sam. 14; 17)

Put foreign armies to flight (same)

Women received their dead to life again (1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:8-37)

All were **flawed** people but obeyed by faith

Faith in Bad Times—Hebrews 11:35b-40

Others (also heroes of faith)

Were tortured**, **refusing** **deliverance** **to obtain
a ***greater resurrection*** (Job Job 2:7-10)

Suffered ridicule**, **flogging**, and **prison
(Jeremiah Jer. 20:2,7)

They were stoned (Zechariah 2 Chron. 24:21)

sawn asunder (Isaiah)

killed with the sword (1 Kings 19:10)

Wandered homeless, wore rustic clothing
(Elijah 1 Kings 17:3; 2 Kg 2:13)

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The believers all died in faith v.39

If they would have received that for which they hoped, they could not have died in faith 11:1

To die in faith, you must expect something beyond death (else you already have your reward Matt. 6:1-18; Ecclesiastes)

This is the faith that overcomes the world 1 John 5:4; 4:16; 3:16; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Rom. 6:17-18

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