

FAITH IS AN ACT OF OBEDIENCE!

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HEBREWS CHAPTER 11 – EXAMPLES OF THE JUST LIVING BY FAITH: -

Faith is an action in yielding obedience to whatever God commands. In the individual experiences listed by Paul in Hebrews Chapter 11 the expression “by faith” is followed by a verb – an action of obedience on the part of the individual involved.

- Hebrews 11:1: - “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Paul illustrates this definition of faith by the many Scriptural examples he lists from the Old Testament writings. Many of the godly patriarchs and prophets were not able to see the heavenly things that God had promised them with the natural eye; they could only behold them with the eye of faith. We should look at the eternal things which are unseen, just as the godly patriarchs and prophets did.

2 Corinthians 4:18: - “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen [are] temporal; but the things which are not seen [are] eternal.”

- Hebrews 11:2: - “For by it the elders obtained a good report.”

By faith the Hebrew elders received a good witness with God.

- Hebrews 11:3: - “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”

God spoke and it was so, because his Word is living and powerful.

Psalms 33:6 & 9: - **“By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. ... For he spake, and it was [done]; he commanded, and it stood fast.”**

Hebrews 4:12: - **“For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful,** and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

- Hebrews 11:4: - **“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain,** by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.”

By faith Abel **offered** (a verb of action on Abel’s part) a better sacrifice than Cain. Abel by his obedience in offering an animal sacrifice received the witness that he was righteous. Abel saw by faith the bleeding Lamb of God in his animal sacrifice.

Genesis 4:3 - 7: - “And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. **And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.** And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee [shall be] his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.”

NOTE: - God had respect unto Abel’s offering, but not Cain’s. God’s statement to Cain indicates that the reason his offering was not respected was because he had not done well. It tends to indicate that God required mankind to shed the blood of an animal sacrifice, as a shadow of the death of the future Lamb of God at this time. Abel obeyed God’s requirement and showed his faith in the coming Redeemer. Cain disobeyed and thus showed no faith in the future Saviour.

John 1:29: - “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**”

- Hebrews 11:5: - “**By faith Enoch** was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: **for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**”

Enoch was translated to heaven so that he would not taste of death, because he had pleased God during his lifetime. He pleased God by walking with him. Enoch’s walk with God was **by faith.**

Genesis 5:21 - 24: - “And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: **And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him.**”

The prophet Micah records what the Lord requires of us to please him: - to do justly or righteously; to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. Enoch would have fulfilled all these requirements for him to have pleased God.

Micah 6:8: - “**He hath showed thee, O man, what [is] good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**”

- Hebrews 11:6: - “**But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]:** for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

Paul brings this point in here, because of his use of the example of Enoch in VS. 5. Faith is essential to pleasing God. It must be a faith that God exists, in **WHO HE IS**, and that he will reward those who diligently seek him.

Mark 11:22 - 24: - “And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.** For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive [them], and ye shall have [them].**”

We must ask in faith without any doubt or wavering.

James 1:5 - 7: - “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. **But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a**

wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.”

Obedience to God’s Commandments is essential to the Lord hearing our prayers.

1 John 3:22: - “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.”

- Hebrews 11:7: - “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”

Noah by faith **prepared** the ark (a verb of action on Noah’s part) in obedience to all that the Lord had commanded him, and thus saved himself and his family from the floodwaters.

Genesis 6:13 - 22: - “And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. **Make thee an ark of gopher wood;** rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this [is the fashion] which thou shalt make it [of]: The length of the ark [shall be] three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; [with] lower, second, and third [stories] shalt thou make it. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein [is] the breath of life, from under heaven; [and] every thing that [is] in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons’ wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every [sort] shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep [them] alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every [sort] shall come unto thee, to keep [them] alive. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather [it] to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. **Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.”**

NOTE: - If Noah had possessed the “dead faith” of James 2:14 - 26 which is so popular among many professed Christians today, and had believed that God would bring a flood upon the world, but did not obey God’s command to build the ark, he would have perished with the rest of the wicked world. And because he was a righteous man in doing righteousness, he was chosen by the Lord to enter into the ark with his household. Righteousness by faith was the saving message in Noah’s day; it was righteousness performed by faith!

Genesis 7:1: - “And the LORD said unto Noah, **Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.”**

1 John 3:7: - “Little children, let no man deceive you: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous**, even as he is righteous.”

- Hebrews 11:8 - 10: - “**By faith Abraham**, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed**; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. **By faith he sojourned in the land of promise**, as [in] a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: **For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker [is] God.”**

By faith Abraham **obeyed** (a verb of action on Abraham's part) God's call to leave his idolatrous family and go to a land unseen and unknown to him, which the Lord promised to him and his descendants for an eternal inheritance. By faith **he sojourned** (a verb of action on Abraham's part) in the Promised Land in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise. He obeyed God because he by faith looked for the Heavenly City – the New Jerusalem as his homeland. He understood by faith that he was to inherit the world made new with the New Jerusalem as its capital.

Genesis 12:1 - 4 & 7: - **“Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram [was] seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. ... And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.”**

Joshua 24:2 & 3: - **“And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, [even] Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.”**

Genesis 17:8: - **“And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”**

Hebrews 12:22: - **“But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.”**

Romans 4:13: - **“For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, [was] not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.”**

- Hebrews 11:11 & 12: - **“Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, [so many] as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.”**

By faith Sarah **received strength** (a verb of action on Sarah's part) to conceive a son in her old age, because she judged God to be faithful who had promised an heir to Abraham. From this old man Abraham (who was about 100 years old), came so many descendants as many as the stars in the sky and as the sand that is upon the sea shore.

Genesis 18:9 - 11: - **“And they said unto him, Where [is] Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard [it] in the tent door, which [was] behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah [were] old [and] well stricken in age; [and] it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.”**

Romans 4:17 - 22: - **“(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, [even] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He**

staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.”

NOTE: - It was an act of faith on the part of Abraham and Sarah to come together as man and wife in their old age, for Sarah to conceive. They both believed the Lord’s promise and therefore they acted out their faith in coming together as husband and wife.

- Hebrews 11:13 - 16: - “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of [them], and embraced [them], and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that [country] from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better [country], that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.”

All these godly patriarchs died in faith not having received the promise of an eternal inheritance yet, but they saw the fulfillment of this promise by faith, confessing that they were only strangers and pilgrims upon the earth, because they were looking for a Heavenly Country and a City, which God has prepared for them, the Heavenly City – the New Jerusalem. They were seeking for the place of the “many mansions” that Jesus has gone to heaven to prepare for the righteous.

Hebrews 12:22: - “But ye are come unto mount Sion, **and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,** and to an innumerable company of angels.”

Hebrews 13:14: - “**For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.**”

John 14:2 & 3: - “**In my Father’s house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.**”

Revelation 21:1 & 2: - “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**”

Until the fulfillment of this promise, we must walk by faith and not by sight, just as the godly patriarchs did.

2 Corinthians 5:7: - “(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)”

- Hebrews 11:17 - 19: - “By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten [son]. Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God [was] able to raise [him] up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.”

By faith when Abraham was tested, he **offered up** (a verb of action on Abraham’s part) his only promised son Isaac upon the altar. God had promised Abraham “That in Isaac shall thy seed be called” (See Genesis 21:12 & Romans 9:7) – all God’s promises to Abraham and his seed were through Isaac. Yet Abraham had faith that if he obeyed God’s voice and sacrificed Isaac, God was able to raise him up from the dead.

Abraham's faith had to be tried or tested by the Lord with this final test relating to God's command for Abraham to sacrifice his only promised son Isaac to the Lord. Abraham's faith produced obedience to God's command, and thus by his works his faith was made perfect or complete. And because of his obedience by faith he was called the "Friend of God".

Genesis 22:1 & 2, 9 - 18: - "And it came to pass after these things, **that God did tempt Abraham**, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, [here] I [am]. **And he said, Take now thy son, thine only [son] Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. ... And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.** And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here [am] I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only [son] from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind [him] a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said [to] this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen. And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only [son]: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which [is] upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because **thou hast obeyed my voice.**"

James 2:21 - 23: - "**Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?** And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: **and he was called the Friend of God.**"

Like faithful Abraham, we are Christ's friends if we do whatever Christ commands us.

John 15:14: - "**Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.**"

- Hebrews 11:20: - "By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come."

By faith Isaac **blessed** (a verb of action on Isaac's part) his two sons concerning their respective futures – things that they could at that point of time only hope for – things not yet seen.

The blessing Jacob received: -

Genesis 27:26 - 29: - "And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, **and blessed him**, and said, See, the smell of my son [is] as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed: **Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed [be] every one that curseth thee, and blessed [be] he that blesseth thee.**"

The blessing Esau received: -

Genesis 27:38 - 40: - "And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, [even] me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, **Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; And by thy**

sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.”

- Hebrews 11:21: - “By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, [leaning] upon the top of his staff.”

By faith Jacob as he lay dying **blessed** (that is a verb of action on Jacob’s part) Joseph’s two sons concerning their respective futures – things that were yet unseen.

Genesis 48:11 - 20: - “And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath showed me also thy seed. And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought [them] near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid [it] upon Ephraim's head, who [was] the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh [was] the firstborn. **And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.** And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this [is] the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. **And his father refused, and said, I know [it], my son, I know [it]: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.”**

- Hebrews 11:22: - “By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.”

By faith Joseph as he was dying **gave commandment** (a verb of action on Joseph’s part) concerning his bones to be taken into the land that God had promised to the patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He had faith in God’s promise.

Genesis 50:24 & 25: - “And Joseph said unto his brethren, **I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.”**

- Hebrews 11:23: - “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw [he was] a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

By faith Moses’ parents **hid** him (a verb of action on their part) for three months, not being afraid of the king’s commandment, concerning the Hebrew children.

Exodus 1:15 & 16, 22: - “And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one [was] Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see [them] upon the stools; if it [be] a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it [be] a daughter, then she shall live. **And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.”**

Exodus 2:1 & 2: - “And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took [to wife] a daughter of Levi. **And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he [was a] godly [child], she hid him three months.**”

- Hebrews 11:24 - 26: - “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.”

By faith Moses when he was of age **refused** (a verb of action and of choice on Moses' part) to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, **choosing** (a verb of choice on Moses' part) to suffer affliction with God's people, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short lifetime. Moses **had respect** (a verb of action on Moses' part) to the reward of the righteous, **esteeming** (a verb of action on Moses' part) the reproach of Christ greater riches than the temporal treasures in Egypt. He saw the eternal things by faith, and fixed his will upon those things, rather than upon the temporal riches of the Egyptian court.

2 Corinthians 4:18: - “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen [are] temporal; but the things which are not seen [are] eternal.”

- Hebrews 11:27: - “By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.”

By faith Moses **forsook** or **left**¹ Egypt (a verb of action on Moses' part) at the time of the exodus of the children of Israel, not fearing the wrath of the king's commandment to put him to death, if the king saw his face again, because Moses saw by faith the Invisible God.

Exodus 10:27 - 29: - “But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. And Pharaoh said unto him, **Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in [that] day thou seest my face thou shalt die.** And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.”

Exodus 11:4 - 8: - “**And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD,** About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that [is] behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. **And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.**”

Moses feared God and not man.

Proverbs 29:25: - “**The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.**”

¹ The Greek word that is translated as “forsook” in the KJV, is the word “kataleipo” – See Strong's Concordance; Greek No. 2641. It is defined as “leave behind; leave a place” – A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, by Walter Bauer, page 413. This verse does **NOT** apply to Moses' fleeing Egypt at 40 years of age when he killed an Egyptian, because he did fear the king's wrath – see Exodus 2:12 - 15.

Matthew 10:28: - “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: **but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**”

- Hebrews 11:28: - “Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.”

By faith Moses **kept** (a verb of action on Moses’ part) the Passover and the sprinkling of blood that spared the children of Israel from the Destroying Angel.

Exodus 12:21 - 23: - “Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip [it] in the blood that [is] in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that [is] in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite [you].”

- Hebrews 11:29: - “By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry [land]: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.”

By faith the children of **Israel passed through the Red Sea** (a verb of action on their part), while the Egyptians who attempted to follow in their path were drowned. They obeyed God’s command to “go forward”.

Exodus 14:13 - 30: - “And Moses said unto the people, **Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.** And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? **speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:** But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry [ground] through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness [to them], but it gave light by night [to these]: so that the one came not near the other all the night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go [back] by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry [land], and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry [ground]: and the waters [were] a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, [even] all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, and took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, [and] all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry [land] in the midst of the sea; and the waters [were] a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. **Thus**

the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.”

- Hebrews 11:30: - “By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.”

By faith the walls of Jericho came tumbling down, after the children of Israel **had compassed** (a verb of action on their part) the walls of the doomed city for seven days

Joshua 6:1 - 5, 15 & 16 & 20: - “Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, [and] the mighty men of valour. **And ye shall compass the city, all [ye] men of war, [and] go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long [blast] with the ram's horn, [and] when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.** ... And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city. ... So the people shouted when [the priests] blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, **that the wall fell down flat**, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

- Hebrews 11:31: - “By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.”

By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with the rest of Jericho – those “that believed not”- the margin has “that were disobedient”, when she **received** (a verb of action on her part) the spies in peace. She had faith that Israel’s God was the God of heaven and earth, and that he would conquer the city of Jericho.

Joshua 2:1 - 14: - “And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country. And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country. And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they [were]: And it came to pass [about the time] of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them. But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate. And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; **And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that [were] on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. And as soon as we had heard [these things], our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he [is] God in heaven above, and in earth beneath. Now**

therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have showed you kindness, that ye will also show kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token: And [that] ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. **And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.**"

- Hebrews 11:32: - "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and [of] Barak, and [of] Samson, and [of] Jephthae; [of] David also, and Samuel, and [of] the prophets."
- Hebrews 11:33 - 38: - "**Who through faith** subdued kingdoms,"

"**wrought** righteousness," - they worked or performed righteousness **BY** faith - this **IS** righteousness by faith.

"**obtained** promises,"

"**stopped** the mouths of lions," - the prophet Daniel – Daniel 6:19 - 23. He would not violate the 10 Commandments, and was delivered from the lions' mouths because he **believed** in his God.

"**quenched** the violence of fire," - the 3 Hebrew worthies – Daniel 3:16 - 18 & 28. They would not violate the 10 Commandments, and they were delivered from the fire because they **trusted** in their God.

"**escaped** the edge of the sword,"

"out of weakness **were made strong**,"

"**waxed valiant** in fight,"

"**turned to flight** the armies of the aliens."

"Women received their dead raised to life again:" - See 1 Kings 17:17 - 23; 2 Kings 4:31 - 37.

"and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:" - they looked forward by faith to the time of the resurrection of the just.

"And others had trial of [cruel] mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:" – Joseph - Genesis 39:20 & 21;

Jeremiah – Jeremiah 20:2 & 38:6.

"They were stoned," – Naboth – 1 Kings 21:13; Stephen – Acts 7:58 - 60.

"they were sawn asunder,"

"were tempted,"

"were slain with the sword:"

“they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:)” – Elijah - 2 Kings 1:8; and John the Baptist – Matthew 3:4.

“they wandered in deserts, and [in] mountains, and [in] dens and caves of the earth.” The faithful Obadiah hid the prophets of the Lord in caves – 1 Kings 18:4. David and Elijah also had to wander in the desolate places of the earth to escape their persecutors.

- Hebrews 11:39 & 40: - “And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.”

All these witnesses of the obedience of faith obtained a good report through faith, though they received not the promise, just like the patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did not receive the promised inheritance. We are to “live by faith” as the righteous of former generations have done, waiting with patience the fulfillment of the promise of an eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 6:12: - “That ye be not slothful, but followers of them **who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**”

Hebrews 9:15: - “And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, **they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**”