

SESSION 27

HEBREWS 11.29-40

Context: See session 26

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

To understand the manner of the fulfillment of God's promises to us in Christ, that we would be inspired to spiritually endure to the end of our lives by faith and have the thread of our testimony be a part of the tapestry of the revelation of Christ that will be completed at the end of the age to the glory of God.

V 29 What were the major points of Ryan's sermon with regard to faith and the Red Sea experience of the Israelites?

Humility -> Faith -> Expectation -> Manifestation

V 30 What aspects of faith are exemplified in the conquest of Jericho?

When did the conquest of Jericho really begin? Jos 5.13-15

What do you think of the Commander's answer to Joshua's question in V 14?

V 31 What fueled the faith of Rahab the harlot?

What do we learn about the Kingdom of God through Rahab's testimony?

V 32-37 What is the ethos of the Author as he begins this segment of the letter?

Whose testimonies are being highlighted?

Dan 6.22 Dan 3.19-27 1 Kings 17.17-24 2 Kings 4. 18-37

V 34 How is strength won out of weakness? 2 Cor 12.7-10

“It is in the midst of weakness that the power of God is able to manifest itself most conspicuously. Believers in every age have found that God’s sustaining power is greater than Satan’s ability to afflict them and cast them down. Every believer must learn that human weakness and divine grace go hand in hand” H. Lindsell

What is the great blessing of authentic humility?

Js 4.10 1 Pet 5.5 Isa 57.15

What turn in the Author’s account do you see in the midst of V 35?

“While faith in God is essential to the believer’s life, it is not the determining factor by which deliverance from difficult circumstances may be secured. The determining factor is the will of God. Therefore among people of like faith some were delivered, and others found their deliverance in suffering and martyrdom.” AB Stibbs

V 38 What do you think the Author means when he describes the OT believers as those “of whom the world was not worthy?”

V 39 What summary statement is the Author now making about the heroes of the faith recounted in this chapter?

V 40 How is the Author describing the completion of the revelation of Christ through the faith tapestry that includes all believers?

V 41 What is to happen in the consummate moment spoken of in this verse?

Heb 12.22-24

What really is the essence of our present spiritual situation as we live out our moments upon the vast landscape of human history?

What then does God lovingly place before us as the supreme need of the present hour?