

The Just Shall Live by Faith
Habakkuk 2:2-4

Main Point:

Be a person of faith so that you endure the hardships of life and escape the punishment of death.

1. In the world, there are people of pride and people of faith.

2. You should be a person of faith so that you can endure the hardships of life.

3. You should be a person of faith so that you will escape the punishment of death.

John Mackay “This cancerous swelling of pride and self-importance is the root of mankind’s defiant rebellion against God.”

Deuteronomy 1:43 43 So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of the LORD, and presumptuously went up into the mountain. (NKJV)

Anthony Selvaggio “We must live by faith, not by an abstract or empty faith, but a faith filled with biblical content and focused upon Jesus Christ.”

Anthony Selvaggio “The only way they could make it through the dark days of the Babylonian captivity was to live by faith in the promises of God, believing that God would do what he said he would do.”

Hebrews 11:1 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (ESV)

Hebrews 10:37-38 37 “For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.” (NKJV)

Hebrews 12:1-2 1 ... Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith (NKJV)

Romans 1:17 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “*The just shall live by faith.*” (NKJV)

Galatians 3:11 11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “*the just shall live by faith.*” (NKJV)

John Currid “Implicit in God’s response to the prophet is that the righteous man will live because he has faith, whereas the arrogant and proud man will reap judgment because he is faithless.”

Anthony Selvaggio “Habakkuk’s prophecy speaks hope to those who are on spiritual death row.”

Martin Luther “Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise.”