

I. INTRODUCTION

A. PREVIOUS: BY FAITH THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE (see 10:38,39)

1. from creation to Abraham (11:1-16)
2. from Abraham to Moses (11:17-31)

B. A FINALE OF FIREWORKS! (11:32-40)

II. THE CLIMACTIC CONCLUSION TO THE HALL OF FAITH (11:32-40)

A. POINT: BY FAITH THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE, continued (33,39; see 1f; see 10:38,39)

B. NAMED WITNESSES (32; see 10:28; 12:1f; pairs: major & supporting)

- 1a. Gideon: by faith with three hundred (Jdgs.7); 1b. Barak: by faith in word of prophetess (Jdgs.4,5)
- 2a. Samson: by faith prayed (Jdgs.16); 2b. Jephthah: by faith vowed (Jdgs.11f)
- 3a. David: by faith in heart,action (1Sm.,etc; Acts 13:22); 3b. Sam.prophets: by faith spoke God's word (1Sm/2C4:13)
4. Summary: by faith the righteous shall live *in history*

C. FAITHFULNESS & LIFE (33,34; see 10:38,39)

1. who...(33)
2. conquered kingdoms: judges and kings (33; see historical books)
3. enforced justice: judges and kings (33,J ESV; 2Sam.8:15)
4. obtained fulfillments: all above (33, see 32; 10:38,39; see Heb.6:15)
5. shut lions (33; Dan.6:21f)
6. quenched fire (34; Dan.3)
7. escaped sword (34; 1Kngs.19; 2Kngs.6)
8. made strong (34; Jdgs.16:29f; 2Kngs.20:1f)
9. won battles (34; historical books)
10. routed armies (34; Jdgs.4:15; 8:12; 1Sam.7:10; 2Chr.13:15; 14:12; 20:22)
11. summary: by faith the righteous shall live *in victory*

D. FAITHFULNESS & RESURRECTION (35-38; see 32, 19; see 10:32f; Mt.5:10f)

1. women: dead raised (35; see 31,11; see 1Kngs.17:24; 2Kngs.4:8f)
2. beaten, better resurrection (35; see 16; 12:23; 1Th.4:13f; see Jer.20:2; Dt.25:2f; 2Cor.11:23; see 2Macc.6,7)
3. mocked, scourged (1Kngs.22:24f; see 2Macc.7)
4. chains, prison (36; Ps.107:10; 1Kngs.22:27; Jer.37:4f)
5. stoned, sawn (37; 1K.21:10f; 2Chr.24:21f (Mt.23:35f); *sawn*, Jewish tradition re: Isaiah/Manasseh; 2Kngs.21:16)
6. sword, murdered (37; 1Kngs.19:10; Jer.2:30; 26:20f; see Mk.6:14f)
7. sheepskins, goatskins: poor, oppressed, abused (37; 2Kngs.1:8; Zech.13:4; see Mk.1:6)
8. world not worthy (38; see Mt.8:8; 10:37f; Rom.8:18; 1Cor.4:13)
9. wilderness, mountain (38; 1Kngs.17:1f)
10. caves, holes (38; 1Kngs.18:4f; see 1Sam.24:1f; Ps.57:1; 142:1)
11. summary: by faith the righteous shall live *through suffering and death* (see 10:32f; 11:19; 12:1f)

E. CONCLUSION: GOOD & BETTER (39,40)

1. approved through faith (39a; see 2,4,5)
2. did not receive something better (39b,40a; see 13-16; 10:35f)
3. we're in this together (40b; 12:1,23; see Rev.6:11; 1Th.4:17)

III. CELEBRATE THE FINALE OF FAITH! (Hebrews 11:32-40)

A. BE PERSUADED BY THESE WITNESSES! (12:1; see chp.11; see 2,3,5,39; see 11:11; 10:23; see 10:38)

B. BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR RICHES! (11:40; Lk.12:48; see 1Pt.1:10f; Heb.8:5; c.11; Ex.20:1f; Jer.16:14; 23:7; contrast Heb.1:1-3; c.1-11; Gospels, letters; salvation *accomplished*)

C. BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH, PERSEVERE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS INTO ETERNAL LIFE!
(11:32-40; see 10:36-39; 11:13-16; 12:1f)

D. KNOW THAT THE PERFECTION OF FAITH IS IN ITS OBJECT! (11:7,8,11,20,21,22,23,31,32; 12:2; see Eph.2:5f; Lk.17:5; Mk.9:24)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)