

The Book of Hebrews

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Chapter 11 of the Hebrew epistle deals primary with faith, and those in the Old Testament who stood firm on their faith even though they could not see the promise, which was still afar off. This chapter further compares the faith of the Old testament fathers with the faith exercised by Christian believers. Although the Old Testament heroes had real faith, they did not receive the promise of God. The purpose for the delayed promised was to ensure that the Old testament heroes, were not made perfect apart from the priesthood work of Jesus Christ.

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.

- Moses mother who was a Levi living in bondage in Egypt gave birth to a son. They believed that he had a special calling, and by faith she placed him in a basket on the river side believing that God would spare him from the Egyptian who were killing all the males born of the Hebrews nation
 - **Exodus 1:22**
 - **Exodus 2:1-3**

24. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

- When Moses became an adult, his strong faith in God inspired him to accept who he really was, and to have the faith and courage to flee from Pharaoh and to forsake being called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.
 - **Exodus 2:11-15**

25. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

- Moses' unwavering faith and trust in God, moved him to suffer with his people the Hebrews in bondage, rather than to reject who he really was, and live among the Egyptian in pleasure.

26. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

- Moses' placed greater value on the rebuke of Christ than the riches, and treasures in Egypt as an Egyptian, because Moses had greater regard for the rewards of following Christ.

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

- It was by faith in God that Moses turned his back on Egypt, while not having any fear for the retaliation from Pharaoh, Moses endured the wrath, as if he could see God who was invisible.
 - **Exodus 10:28**

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28. Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

- By faith Moses believed God and kept the Passover, and all that God instructed him to do, and God rewarded the Hebrews by passing over and not killing the first-born man and beast.
 - **Exodus 12:12-13**
 - **Exodus 12:21-24**

29. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

- Moses demonstrated his faith in God and His promise, that He would free them from bondage, by crossing the Red sea in faith on dry land, while the Egyptians drowned.
 - **Exodus 14:21-23**

30. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

- The walls of Jericho fell because Joshua and the people had faith, trusted God, and obeyed Him.
 - **Exodus 6:1-4**
 - **Exodus 6:20**

31. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

- The harlot(prostitute) Rahab had faith in the God that the 2 spies served, thus she hid them, and was later spared by the Israelites because of the manifestation of her faith.
 - **Joshua 2:9-10**