



The Saving Faith of Moses

Hebrews 11:23-29

- 1) Faith requires extraordinary courage in the face of danger (23)
 - a) It means disobeying man in order to obey God (cf. Dan. 3:16-18; Acts 4:19; 5:29)
 - b) It can mean letting go of our own children into God's care
- 2) Faith shuns present pleasures for eternal rewards (24-26)
 - a) Moses knew that serving God's people far surpassed being served
 - b) Example of John the Baptist (Luke 1:15-16; cf. Matt. 11:11; Mark 1:6)
 - c) Examples of countless Christians sacrificing wealth & prestige for Christ's service
 - d) It recognizes that present pleasures are temporary (cf. Pss. 37 & 73); that God's favor is on those who look to Him
 - e) It believes that the worst we can endure for Christ trumps the best the world has to offer
 - f) It is willing to give up all to gain everything
- 3) Faith takes solace in God's future promises; has no fear of present evils (27)
- 4) Faith obeys God's word down to the letter (28)
 - a) When God's word seems odd or contrary, we accept it as is
 - b) We don't cherry pick what we like and don't like; we obey all
 - c) We accept Christ's righteousness by faith, shunning our own filthy works (cf. Isa. 64:4)
- 5) Faith accepts and trusts in God's word (29)