



The Race

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1. Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
2. Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
3. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

1. Therefore (Heb. 12:1)

*From creation through the prophets (Heb. 11) – ALL “by faith”

A. The World’s View of “By Faith”

- a. A fool
- b. An enemy

B. God’s View of “By Faith”

- a. Heb. 11:1 | God’s approval
- b. Heb. 11:6 | God’s pleasure
- c. Heb. 11:16 | God is not ashamed to be called their God
- d. Heb. 11:38 | (men of whom the world is not worthy)

Micah 6:8

He has told you. O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

C. What does the Lord require?

- a. 613: commands in the Torah
 - i. 365 “Thou shall not”
 - ii. 248 “Thou shall”
 1. 209 bones
 2. 38 major organs of the body
- b. 10: commandments on stone tablets

- c. 3: Micah 3:5
 - i. Do justice
 - ii. Love kindness
 - iii. Walk humbly with your God
- d. 2: Jesus reduced them to 2 principles
 - i. Love the Lord your God
 - ii. Love your neighbor as yourself
- e. 1: Hebrews 11:6
 - * by faith alone

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

2. The Race:

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us (Heb. 12:1)

- A. Run the race that is set before you
- B. Run with endurance
 - a. Used 3 times in 3 verses
 - b. Endurance = remain under in patience

3. The Stadium:

Since we have so great a cloud of witnesses (Heb. 12:1)

- A. Their great number
- B. Their presence
- C. Their unity

4. Pre-Race

Let us also lay aside (Heb. 12:1)

- A. every encumbrance
 - a. good things
 - b. busy things
 - c. safe things
 - d. past things
 - e. expected things
- B. the sin which so easily entangles us: Unbelief

4. The Run

- a. Look away
- b. Look to JESUS
 - i. Look at His Victory
 - ii. Look at His Love-filled, JoyFULL endurance
 - iii. Look at His Authority



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