

HEBREWS 11:17-40 "Calculated Faith"



Testing the hypothesis of [biblical faith]

"Faith is the belief and trust in God and what He has said about what will happen (future) and what is (though not visible)."

Adding the evidence about faith and works (James 2:18) – "2 sides of the same _____"

- "Saving faith always has the two sides of the coin of righteousness: An upright position of being declared holy and just, and a righteous perseverance that works non-stop."
- IF ONLY "OUR POSITION" SIDE = _____ FAITH; IF ONLY "OUR PERSEVERANCE" SIDE = WORKS RELIGION

BY FAITH	F _____	W _____
A _____	(19) "considered that God was able even to raise Isaac from the dead"	(17-18) "offered up Isaac"
Isaac & J _____		(20-21) invoked future blessings, even as an act of worship (Jacob)
J _____		(22) Looked to the exodus and expressed assurance through his commands about his bones.
Moses' Parents	(23) saw that Moses was extraordinary	(23) hid Moses for three months, and they were not afraid of Pharaoh's edict
M _____	(26) considered the reproach of Christ of greater wealth than Egypt's treasures, while looking for the reward (cf. 1 Cor. 10)	(24-25) made the choice to be identified with the people of God
	(27) because he continued by faith to see God Who is invisible	(27) left Egypt without fear
		(28) kept the Passover so that the Destroyer would not touch them
The P _____		(29-30) crossed the Red Sea, and encircled the walls of Jericho
R _____	(see Joshua 2:9ff)	(31) did not perish, having given a friendly welcome to the spies



(32-35a) TIME OF JUDGES & EARLY KINGDOM	(35b-38) ESPECIALLY THE PROPHETS
saw great _____, "made strong out of weakness"	saw great _____, "of whom the world was not worthy"
SOMETIMES in the here and now	OTHER TIMES in the then and there

(39-40) **COMMENDED** - An "inclusion" with 11:1-2;

MADE PERFECT – compare Heb. 9:9-10, 10:14

 "_____ FAITH" (we are not those who shrink back but those who preserve their souls – cf. 10:39)

- A cost/benefit calculation, requiring a right definition of "_____" (26), "better life" (35), "worthy" (38)

"Walking by Sight" = Cost/Benefits

"Walking by Faith" = Cost/Benefits

People without faith often say, "It's not worth it." "It doesn't work for me."

People of faith say, "It will be worth it all." "_____ is worth it all!"

Are we living like there is no _____? Are we _____ the threats of the now-powerful?

DO WE HAVE SAVING FAITH? Trusting God and His promises enough to _____ differently _____.

"I don't think I have the kind of faith that can endure 'gun to my head' persecution?"

REMEMBER THE PROMISE OF 1 Peter 4:12-14 – "the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you"