Saving Faith

Greg Kline · Hebrews 11:28–30

INTRODUCTION

- Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- Without faith it is impossible to please him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists, and that he rewards those who seek him.
- We've created a controversy over what does it mean to have faith? And is faith different from, is it in juxtaposition with works.

1 By Faith Moses Kept the Passover

Hebrews 11:28; Exodus 11:4; Exodus 12:1–13

- By faith, Moses kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.
- The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you.
- If the Israelites did not keep the sign, what would God do? Exactly as he did to everyone who did not have that sign of faith.
- The fact that it was a sign did not make it any less important or any less pertinent to their survival. They needed to keep the sign.
- They needed to have faith that if they kept what God had commanded of them, he would spare them as he did.

2 By Faith the People Crossed the Red Sea

Hebrews 11:29; Exodus 14:13; Exodus 14:26–31

- By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land. But the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.
- Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today.
- Their faith was not just sitting on the sideline mentally accepting that God exists, that God would have the power to do such a thing. But they answered the call.
- They had faith that God would deliver them because they saw the power of God. They did not earn their passage.
- And yet God delivered them because they were his people. And he promised them passage.

3 By Faith the Walls of Jericho Fell Down

Hebrews 11:30; Joshua 6:1–6; Joshua 6:20

- By faith, the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.
- See, I have given Jericho into your hand with its king and mighty men of valor.

- God is faithful. He will keep all of his promises. And yet God doesn't just knock down the walls of Jericho.
- Did God add any conditions to this victory? Yes. Did that mean that the people earned the walls of Jericho falling down by marching around it? No.
- The wall fell because God always keeps his promises, as he said, See, I have given Jericho into your hand.
- Hebrews 11 makes it clear, all of these instances, all of these people, Moses and the Israelites did them how? By faith.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you trust in God enough to obey this morning?**

MY NOTES