



Persevering Faith Follows God to Final Salvation

Forty-Six • Hebrews 11:28-31

"To be a Christian means living as an alien and a pilgrim; it means not being able to fit in with others who are slaves to sin it means denying yourself and picking up your cross; it means a life of struggle and fellowship in the sufferings of Christ. The Christian life means peace with God, but war with the flesh, the world, and the devil. The primary blessings Christianity offers do not lie in this life at all, but in the life to come, in the resurrection from the dead. Indeed, even our present blessings, abundant and wonderful as they are, are located in heaven and are accessed by the exercise of faith." – Richard D. Phillips

SEE CHART for Overview of Hebrews 11 So Far!

Persevering Faith Expectantly **FOLLOWS** God to Be Saved Through Judgment!

Persevering faith **WATCHES** victoriously as the LORD saves His called-out people for Himself, while judging His enemies for their disobedient unbelief. (11:28-31)

Let's Watch What Happens by Persevering Faith...

1. The Powerful Deliverance of the **PASSOVER** Celebration.

"By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that He who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them." (v. 28)

Background of the Passover Celebration: Exodus 11–12; 13:1-3, 14-16

What Are the Odds They're Facing? **HARDENED Odds!**

"There's no way this hard-hearted, world-ruling, pyramid-building Pharaoh is going to let his enslaved work force go without a fight – a fight he's sure to win! The odds are hardened against us!

Exodus 13:1-3, 14-16

Watching victoriously, they were **brought OUT** of bondage by a persevering faith that obediently followed God!

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2. The Powerful Deliverance of the **RED SEA** Crossing.

"By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.." (v. 29)

Background of the Red Sea Crossing: Exodus 13:17-2; 14:12

WHAT Are the Odds They're Facing? **HELPLESS Odds!**

"We've got the greatest military army in the world bearing down on us with the latest military technology but we're backed into a corner by the Red Sea - where God Himself has led us! Our odds are helpless!"

Exodus 14:12

Watching victoriously, they were **brought THROUGH** the chaos by persevering faith that obediently followed God!

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3. The Powerful Deliverance of the JERICHO WALLS Conquered.

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days." (v. 30)

Background of the Jericho Walls Conquest: *Joshua 5:13–6:16, 20-21*

What Are the Odds They're Facing? HOPELESS Odds!

"There is absolutely no hope of us storming this fortress and pulling down this stronghold! No one is getting in and no one is coming out! We are powerless before these walls! Our odds are hopeless!"

Joshua 6:1-5, 15-16

Watching victoriously, they were *brought INTO* God's promised inheritance by persevering faith that obediently followed God!

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days." (v. 30)

4. The Powerful Deliverance of the HARLOT RAHAB'S Conversion.

"By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace." (v. 31)

Background of the Harlot Rahab's Conversion: *Joshua 2:1-24; 6:17-27*

What Are the Odds She's Facing? HELL-BOUND Odds!

"We are already defeated and deserve to be judged by this true God for all our pagan worship and perverted living! But who am I to be saved by such a powerful yet also gracious God who saves such helpless and hopeless slaves from hard-hearted rulers?"

Joshua 6:16-17, 20-25

Watching victoriously, Rahab the Harlot was *brought OUT* and brought *WITH* God's people by persevering faith that obediently followed God!

"By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace." (v. 31)

"You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." James 2:24-26

"Salmon was the father of Boaz by RAHAB, Boaz was the father of Obed by RUTH, and Obed the father of Jesse. Jesse was the father of DAVID the KING. David was the father of Solomon by BATHSHEBA who had been the wife of Uriah...Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of MARY, by whom JESUS was born, who is called the MESSIAH." Matthew 1:5-6, 16

Persevering Faith Expectantly Follows God to Be Saved by His Son, Jesus, Through His Judgment for Us on the Cross Despite Hardened Odds, Helpless Odds, Hopeless Odds, and Even Hell-Bound Odds!

By persevering faith watch victoriously as the LORD brings you out of bondage to bring you through this life's chaos to bring you into your future inheritance in Christ and along the way you bring others out with you who are hell-bound just as you once were!

Persevering Faith Follows God to Watch Him...

bring us out of sin's bondage (Passover),

and He brings us out to *bring us through* life's chaos (Red Sea)

and He bring us through to *bring us into* our promised inheritance (Conquest)

and He bring us in to *bring others out with us* live with us as His worshiping, wandering, weighing, and watching people (Rahab)!

Hebrews 11 • By Persevering Faith Keep Moving Forward to God's Final Rest and Our Future Salvation!

Point	11:4-7	11:8-22	11:23-28	11:28-31	11:32-38	11:39-40
Progress	<p>Persevering Faith PLEASES GOD <i>Despite the Culture!</i></p> <p>PRIMEVAL PROTOTYPES <i>Pleasing Worshipers</i></p> <p><i>By Faith</i> ABEL Worshiped Sacrificially <i>Martyred in Testing!</i></p> <p><i>By Faith</i> ENOCH Walked Relationally <i>Raptured After Testing!</i></p> <p>--- Intermission --- <i>Without Faith</i> IT'S IMPOSSIBLE to PLEASE GOD Must Believe God Is the "I AM" and Becomes the Rewarder of All Who Draw Near</p> <p>--- Continuation --- <i>By Faith</i> NOAH Worked Fearfully <i>Delivered Through Testing!</i></p>	<p>Persevering Faith OBEYS GOD <i>Despite the Unknown!</i></p> <p>PATRIARCHAL HEIRS <i>Obedient Wanderers</i></p> <p><i>By Faith (3x)</i> ABRAHAM & SARAH Wandered Obediently into the Deadly Unknown <i>STEP OUT When Called! LIVE OUT as Wanderers! REACH OUT for God's Ability!</i></p> <p>--- Intermission --- <i>In Faith</i> ALL THESE FELLOW HEIRS Died Without Fulfillment Wandering Patiently <i>HOLD OUT Until Death! See and Welcome the Promises from a Distance as Confessing Pilgrims!</i></p> <p>--- Continuation --- <i>By Faith</i> ABRAHAM Wandered Obediently into the Face of Death <i>RULE OUT Compromise Even If Deadly! Willing to Sacrifice a Future Legacy in Resurrection Hope!</i></p> <p><i>By Faith (3x)</i> ISAAC, JACOB, JOSEPH Wandered Far-Sightedly Beyond Death <i>STAND OUT at the Finish Line of Death! Wanting to Bless a Future Legacy in Resurrection Hope!</i></p>	<p>Persevering Faith CHOOSES GOD <i>Despite the Cost!</i></p> <p>PROPHET-MEDIATOR <i>Courageous Weighers</i></p> <p><i>By Faith</i> MOSES' PARENTS Weighed Courageously to Resist Compromise with Worldly Laws <i>RESIST by Not Fearing Worldly Authority! CHOOSE Risk Over Safety!</i></p> <p><i>By Faith (3x)</i> MOSES Weighed Courageously to Refuse Carnality of Worldly Living <i>REFUSE by Looking Forward to Heavenly Reward! CHOOSE Reproach Over Status!</i></p> <p>Weighed Courageously to Rest in the Refuge of the Passover Sacrifice from the LORD of Lords <i>REST in the Fear of God Who Forgives and Frees! CHOOSE Redemption Over Slavery!</i></p>	<p>Persevering Faith FOLLOWS GOD <i>Despite the Odds!</i></p> <p>POWERFUL DELIVERANCE <i>Victorious Watchers</i></p> <p><i>By Faith</i> CELEBRATING PASSOVER SACRIFICE Watched Victoriously Despite Hardened Odds <i>BROUGHT OUT by Passover Blood, While Unbelieving Firstborns Were Destroyed!</i></p> <p><i>By Faith</i> CROSSING the RED SEA Watched Victoriously Despite Hopeless Odds <i>BROUGHT THROUGH on Dry Land, While Stranger Enemies Were Swallowed Up!</i></p> <p><i>By Faith</i> CONQUERING JERICHO'S WALLS Watched Victoriously Despite Hopeless Odds <i>BROUGHT IN by Worship, While the Disobedient and Their Walls Perished!</i></p> <p><i>By Faith</i> CONVERTING RAHAB the HARLOT Watched Victoriously Despite Hell-Bound Odds <i>BROUGHT OUT from Being Destroyed and BROUGHT INTO God's People, Having Received God's Promise and Welcomed God's People!</i></p>	<p>Persevering Faith</p>	<p>Persevering Faith</p>
Problem	<p>RESISTED Corrupt Perversion</p>	<p>RESILIENT in Continual Predicaments</p>	<p>REJECTED Cultural Pressure</p>	<p>RESOLVED Conflicting Possibilities</p>		
Passage	Genesis 4-11	Genesis 12-22 / 23-50	Exodus 1-13	Exodus 11-Joshua 6	Judges-Malachi	<p>Old Covenant <i>Good Promises in the Christ!</i> New Covenant <i>Better Fulfillment in Jesus!</i></p>