



Persevering Faith Treasures God Despite the Outcome

Forty-Eight • Hebrews 11:32-38

There's a Switch from Victorious Watchers to Faithful **WARRIORS!** (11:32-38)

SEE CHART for the Overview of Hebrews 11:4-40 So Far!

It's Time to Pick Up the Pace to Keep Moving Forward! (11:32)

1. No more **DETAILED** descriptions of personal examples and powerful events in 11:4-31.

"And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of..." (v. 32a)

- More personal examples: **Gideon** (Judges 7-8) and **Barak** (Judges 4-5); **Samson** (Judges 13-15) and **Jephthah** (Judges 11:29-40); **David** (1 Samuel 16–2 Samuel 24) and **Samuel** (1 Samuel 1–16) plus **the prophets!**
- More powerful events.
- But not *chronological* yet sill *canonical* but now more *conceptual!*

2. No more **REPEATED** use of "by faith" and switches to "through faith" to cover everything (vv. 33, 39)!

3. Now two general **OUTCOMES** of those who by persevering faith treasure God.

By preserving faith treasure God whether the outcome is **ESCAPING** death (vv. 32-35a) or **ENDURING** death (vv. 35b-38)!

Persevering Faith Treasures God as Faithful Warriors Despite the Outcome.

1. Treasure God When the Outcome Is God's People **ESCAPE** Death. (vv. 32-35a)

Pattern: Three Groups of Three Plus One!

➤ Warring faithfully by conquering God's **ADVERSARIES**. [Climax of the Kingdom!]

"Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises..." (v. 32-33a)

1. **CONQUERED** kingdoms!
2. **ESTABLISHED** righteousness!
3. **OBTAINED** promises! *Did they or didn't they? (vv. 13, 39)*

➤ Warring faithfully by overcoming ungodly **ANTAGONISM**. [Captivity in the Exile]

"shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword..." (v. 33b-34a)

1. **SHUT** the mouths of lions!
 - Daniel faced attacks to passively **STOP** being faithful to worship the Lord! (Daniel 6:21-23)
2. **QUENCHED** the power of fire!
 - Daniel's three friends faced attacks to actively **START** worshipping idols! (Daniel 3:17-18, 24-28)
3. **ESCAPED** the edge of the sword!

- Warring faithfully by being empowered with God's **ABILITY**. [Compromise of Apostasy]
"from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight." (v. 34b)

Third Trio: From weakness were **MADE STRONG** to become mighty in war and put armies to flight!

- Warring faithfully as Gentile women **RECEIVE BACK** their dead. [Covenant Loyalty of God]
"Women received back their dead by resurrection..."

During the prophetic ministries of Elijah and Elisha in severe apostasy, the Lord is faithful and can raise the dead –
even pagan Gentile widows and mothers! (1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:18-37)

What's the Outcome of Treasuring God?

*You may receive a resurrection-**LIKE** deliverance in the present!*

2. Treasure God When the Outcome Is God's People ENDURE Death. (vv. 35b-38)

Verse 35 Is a Pivotal Pattern Change

From escaping death to enduring death!

From resurrection-like deliverance in this present life to the better resurrection in the future life to come

- War faithfully by **REFUSING** to escape death by denying the Lord.
"and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;" (v. 35b)

What's the Outcome of Treasuring God?

*You may receive the **BETTER** resurrection deliverance in the future!*

- War faithfully by **RECEIVING** trials even unto death – *the worst this world can do to you.*
"[but] others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about ^oin sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated...wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground." (vv. 36b-38)

1. Publicly *scorned* and *scourged*.
2. Publicly *shackled* and *sentenced*.
3. Publicly *stoned* to death.
4. Publicly *sawn* in two.
5. Publicly *slain* by the sword.
6. Publicly *scattered* like sheep among wolves to wander in this world!
 - Denuded of clothing: *Wandering about in sheepskins, in goatskins!*
 - Deprived of blessings: *Being destitute, afflicted, mistreated!*
 - Despoiled of dwelling: *Wandering in deserts and mountains, caves and holes in the ground!*

What are we to do when God allows us to be stripped of everything and we literally have to wander around on this earth like the kind of people we publicly profess to be!

Takeaways for Treasuring God as Faithful Warriors

1. Treasure God in the hard times when He **GRANTS** you escape from death.
2. Treasure God in the hardest of times when He **CALLS** you to endure to the death.
3. Treasure God despite the **OUTCOME** for He declares you worthy!

"(men of whom the world was not worthy)" (v. 38)

I **approve** of you! I am **not ashamed** to be called your God!

I have **already prepared** a better resurrection, a better city, better country, and a better creation for you in My Presence with My People in My Place!

This world may strip us of everything we have and everything we know, but God says this world is not worthy of those who treasure Him despite the outcome!

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>--- Reflection (v. 6) --- <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 --- Continuation ---</p> <p><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!</i> <i>LIVE OUT as Wanderers!</i> <i>REACH OUT for God's Ability!</i></p> <p>--- Reflection (vv. 13-16) --- <i>In Faith</i> ALL THESE FELLOW HEIRS Died Without Fulfillment Wandering Patiently <i>HOLD OUT Until Death!</i> <i>See and Welcome the Promises from a Distance as Confessing Pilgrims!</i></p> <p>--- Continuation ---</p> <p><i>By Faith</i> ABRAHAM Wandered Obediently into the Face of Death <i>RULE OUT Compromise Even if Deadly!</i> <i>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!</i> <i>Wanting to Bless a Future Legacy in Resurrection Hope!</i></p>	<p>Persevering Faith CHOUSES 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!</i> <i>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!</i> <i>CHOOSE Approach Over Status!</i></p> <p>Weighed Courageously to Reject Cohabitation with a Worldly Land <i>REJECT by Not Fearing Worldly Anger!</i> <i>CHOOSE Unseen Ruler Over Seen!</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!</i> <i>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 Helpless Odds <i>BROUGHT THROUGH on Dry Land, While Stronger 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 TREASURES GOD <i>Despite the Outcome!</i></p> <p>PERSISTENT FAITHFULNESS <i>Faithful Warriors</i></p> <p><i>No Time for</i> GIDEON, BARAK, SAMSON, JEPHTHAH, DAVID also SAMUEL and the PROPHETS <i>Who Through Faith ESCAPED from DEATH</i> Warring Faithfully by Conquering Adversaries, Quenching Antagonism, Empowering Ability, and Women Receiving Back Their Dead <i>DID RECEIVE a Resurrection-Like Deliverance in the Present!</i></p> <p>ENDURED to DEATH Warring Faithfully by Refusing to Avoid Death Warring Faithfully by Receiving Trials unto Death <i>WILL RECEIVE a Better Resurrection Deliverance in the Future!</i></p> <p>--- Reflection (v. 38a) --- WANDERERS THIS WORLD IS NOT WORTHY of but WORTHY of GOD! --- Continuation --- Warring Faithfully as Wanderers Without Property or Place to Live</p>	<p>Persevering Faith RESURRECTED One Way or the Other in Constant Persecution</p> <p>RESOLVED Conflicting Possibilities</p> <p>EXODUS 11-13 Cultural Pressure</p> <p>EXODUS 11-JOSHUA 6 Conflicting Possibilities</p>	<p>Persevering Faith RESURRECTED One Way or the Other in Constant Persecution</p> <p>RESOLVED Conflicting Possibilities</p> <p>EXODUS 11-13 Cultural Pressure</p> <p>EXODUS 11-JOSHUA 6 Conflicting Possibilities</p>
Problem	<p>RESISTED Corrupt Perversion</p>	<p>RESILIENT in Continual Predicaments</p>	<p>REJECTED Cultural Pressure</p>	<p>RESOLVED Conflicting Possibilities</p>	<p>RESURRECTED One Way or the Other in Constant Persecution</p>	<p>RESURRECTED One Way or the Other in Constant Persecution</p>	
Passage	<p>Genesis 4-11</p>	<p>Genesis 12-22 / 23-50</p>	<p>Exodus 1-13</p>	<p>Exodus 11-Joshua 6</p>	<p>Judges-Malachi</p>	<p>Old Covenant <i>Good Promises in the Christ!</i> New Covenant <i>Better Fulfillment in Jesus!</i></p>	