

The Book of Hebrews
Faith and Endurance

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Reading

Chapters 11 - 12 - 13

Opening Prayer

Questions to Consider

The Book concludes in the last three chapters with: encouraging examples of individuals throughout Hebrew history who have displayed faith and endurance; a call for endurance on the part of the Hebrews; and practical instructions.

Chapter 11

1. This chapter begins with one of the most quoted verses of Hebrews, “Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.” What is your definition of faith?
2. Throughout this chapter the author tells stories of faith and perseverance, meant to encourage the Hebrews. What stories or events encourage you?
3. But there are not always happy endings. In verses 35-38 injury, loss, and death for the sake of faith are described. Are these prices too great? Explain.

Chapter 12

4. Chapter 12 begins with another much quoted and inspiring verse, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.” Does it cause you to want to persevere and one day become a part of that crowd? How do you strengthen your faith?
5. The chapter ends with a final comparison of the Old and the New Covenant, and a final admonition (verses 18-29). Summarizing these final statements, and the entire book, do they provide encouragement for you today? How?

Chapter 13

6. In Chapter 13 we find two final verses that are important to the church today, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” And, “Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.”

Closing Prayer