

FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS Lesson 6
Hebrews 12

The entire chapter deals with a race.

The Apostle Paul obviously was interested in the Olympic games and the running of a race.

He likens the Christian life to a race—its beginning, running and finishing.

THERE ARE SPECTATORS

Hebrews 12:1a, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses.”

1. These “_____” are the spectators in the grandstand.
 - a) A _____ group is listed in Hebrews 11.
2. The Apostle Paul likens the Christian life to a _____.
3. The runner is on the track. The spectators are in the _____.
4. The Old Testament _____ listed in chapter 11 are watching us as we perform and run the race.

The word “wherefore” in Hebrews 12:1 connects the two chapters.

Wherever “wherefore” is mentioned, it means something has gone “before.”

Who are some of the spectators and what they may be thinking.

Noah. Hebrews 11:7.

- a) Imagine how Noah feels when he looks down and sees us not _____ alone for Christ and not being willing to stand by ourselves.
- b) Think of how he stood! Think of how he must feel as he watches us when we are _____ to stand.

Abraham. Hebrews 11:8.

- a) Abraham left his _____ and everything he had—his _____, his family, his race.—to look for a city which had _____, whose builder and maker is God.
- b) He gave up everything for the _____ of God.

Moses. Hebrews 11:23.

- a) Moses could have been the _____ of Egypt. He gave up the throne, power, authority and riches of Egypt.
- b) He chose rather to suffer _____ with God’s people.

Joshua. Hebrews 11:30.

a) Ah, what _____ Joshua had as he caused the walls of Jericho to fall!

Gideon. Hebrews 11:32.

a) Gideon was _____ of the mighty armies of the enemy.

Jephthah. Hebrews 11:32.

Daniel. Hebrews 11:33 “stopped the mouths of lions.”

THE CLOTHING FOR THE RACE.

1. We are to lay aside every _____. Hebrews 12:1.

2. We are to lay aside every _____. Hebrews 12:1.

3. We are to run the race with _____.

It means we are not to give up. This does not mean we are to slow down and be slowly patient. If we are behind, we are to try harder and stretch more. We should never give up in the race.

THE STARTER AND FINISHER OF THE RACE.

Hebrews 12:2a, “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.”

1. In other words, Jesus is the “_____.” He is likened to the man who stands with the gun and pulls the trigger for the starting of the race.

2. Jesus is the _____ of the race.

THE CHASTENING.

Hebrews 12:3-15.

1. If we do not run the race _____, we are _____.

2. God _____ us and chastens us if we do not do His will, stay in the race, and run it well.

Let us do our best to run the race effectively for God!