

# **FAITH: FOR SURE AND FOR CERTAIN**

## **Hebrews 10:36-11:3**

**The foundation of a firm faith is essential for the Christian life**

### **I. THE PRELUDE (10:36-39)**

#### **A. REMEMBER GOD'S DESIRE FOR FAITH (36-38)**

1. The Statement (38)
2. The Specifics (36-37)
  - a. Believe you will conquer (36)
  - b. Believe Christ is coming (37)

#### **B. RECALL A DECLARATION OF FAITH (39)**

1. We are not the "falling away" ones
2. We are the faithfully persevering ones

### **II. THE PICTURE (11:1-3)**

#### **A. FAITH DESCRIBED (1)**

- It is more than redemptive ... it is productive
1. The assurance of things hoped for > How we think ... our confidence
    - a. Reality: A certainty that what is promised will be performed
    - b. Examples: Eve in Gen. 4:1; Shadrach and Co. in Dan. 3:16-18; Mary in Luke 1:26-38
    - c. Applications
      - 1) What do we hope for, believing it will come?
      - 2) Faith motivates and inspires us - See I John 2:28-3:3
  2. The conviction of things not seen > How we function ... our conduct
    - a. Reality: Faith is the framework that holds up the things we cannot see
      - We act in obedience because we believe that God knows what He is doing even when we don't
    - b. Examples: Noah in Gen. 6:13-22; Abraham in Gen. 12:1-2; Joshua in Josh. 6:1-6, 16-20
    - c. Application
      - We commit to things that we cannot see - Read II Cor. 4:16-18 and 5:7

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**B. FAITH DEMONSTRATED (2-3)**

## 1. Formerly (2)

- a. People of faith gained approval from God and men
- b. Consider: Job in Job 1:20-21 then 42:12; Joseph in Gen. 39:1-4; Daniel in Dan. 6:3-5

## 2. Presently (3)

- a. We understand: Knowledge is not independent of faith
- b. We marvel: That the worlds were prepared by God's word
- c. We acknowledge: An unseen Maker created what we see
- d. We confess: A supernatural causation and not a natural one - See Psalm 19:1

**CONCLUSION:****We can persevere and press on because we are a people of faith**

- As such we are:

1. Assured by God (v. 1)
2. Approved by God (v. 2)
3. In awe of God (v. 3)

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