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Expositional Study – “The Book of Hebrews -#18

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GOD'S HALL OF FAME – PART 6

INTRODUCTION: God is wrapping up the Hall of Fame in the Old Testament, and leaving open the Hall of Fame in the New Testament. Why? For it is not written yet, but the concepts and rewards will be the same. In today's text we come to see the other side of “faith,” which God permits but sufferingly accepts. Thus there is for all saints a faith that in this life can come with great loss, suffering and even death. Let's look at how God describes this for us as we walk our ‘faith life’ as Christians.

I. NOTE THE –*CONTRAST & CALAMITY*– (vv.35-38)

II. NOTE THE –*CERTAINTY & COMPENSATION*– (vv.39-40)

CONCLUSION: The writer sums things up by saying: “*These were all commended for their faith ...*”(v.39). Indeed, that is what God is looking for in you and me. The ability and performance of our faith in every day life and interaction with the world about us. For most Americans faith doesn't seem very costly. But things can change. The writer of Hebrews was essentially preparing the 1st century Christians for coming tribulation, persecution, and calamity. Why? All because they chose to stand by faith with Christ as their God and king. Their world soon would have none of that, and soon our world will too. Are you ready? Remember, “faith” grows, as you study and hide God's Word in your heart, and surrender your will to the Master and Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.

BIBLE TEXT FOR MESSAGE

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Hebrews 11:35b-40 (NIV)

35b "... were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. 36 Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—38 the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.