

# Hall of Fame of Faith

## Hebrews 11

### Part 3

Anything worth doing, is worth doing....Poorly.

*G. K. Chesterton*

### Hebrews 11:16b

<sup>16</sup> ...Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

### Hebrews 11:38a

<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy-- wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

### Exodus 16:2-3

<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

### Hebrews 4:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. <sup>2</sup>For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.

Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is.....

If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.....

The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven....

It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth "thrown in". Aim at earth and you will get neither....

*C. S. Lewis*

"The Scriptures teach that the happiness or blessedness of believers in a future life will be greater or less in proportion to the service of Christ in this life. Those who love little, do little; and those who do little, enjoy less."

*Charles Hodges*

"Rewards are such as what make you leap to think on, and that we should remember with exceeding joy, and never think that it is contrary to the Christian faith to rejoice and be glad for them."

*John Bunyan*

"The whole subject of rewards for the believer is one, I am afraid, rarely thought of by the ordinary Christian, or event the average student of the Scriptures. But it is both a joyous and solemn theme and should serve as a potent incentive for holiness of life."

*Wilber Smith*

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