

Hall of Fame of Faith

Hebrews 11

Part 13

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1 Tim 6:4-5

⁴he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions ⁵and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

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Brief History of Miracles in the Bible

OLD TESTAMENT:

Section of the Bible	Historical era	Miracle passages	Duration of time (aprox.)
Pentateuch Gen-Deut. (2,500 yrs)	Beginning of the nation of Israel	Ex.7-12, 14 Ex. 16 Josh 1-4	40 yrs
Historical books Joshua to Esther (1000 yrs)	Beginning of the school of prophets in Israel	I Kings 17-19 II Kings 1-2; 4-9,13	40 yrs?
Poetic and prophetic books Job-Malachi and inter-testamental (500 yrs).	Throughout Israel	Ps. 136 et. al.	NA

NEW TESTAMENT

Section of the Bible	Historical era	Miracle passages	Duration of time (aprox)
Gospels Matt-John (30 yrs)	Life of Jesus	Every book	Mostly 3 yrs at the end
Acts	Beginning of the church	More frequent in beginning	10-20 yrs
Epistles Romans-Jude Time -40-50 yrs	Start of church		NA
Apocalypse	End times		?
TOTAL YRS, 4,080 (aprox)			103 yrs (aprox.)

Acts 3:1-10

¹Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he ⁵

fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹And all the ⁶

people saw him walking and praising God,¹⁰ and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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2 Tim 4:20

²⁰Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus.

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Philippians 2:25-30

²⁵I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need,²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.
²⁷Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.²⁸ I am the⁹

more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.
²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men,³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

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1 Tim 5:23

²³No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

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Galatians 4:13-14

¹³You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first,¹⁴ and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

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“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

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We long to see Him; and such desires are the work of the Holy Spirit and are the firstfruits of heaven. But remember that just inside the door there is Christ’s Judgment Seat, where He will adjudge our life and apportion our reward. Prepare, my soul, to give an account of thy talents!

F. B. Meyer

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The Judgment Seat is meant for us professing Christians, real and imperfect Christians; and it tells us that there are degrees in that future blessedness proportioned to present faithfulness.

Alexander Maclaren

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Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (a 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.....

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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.....

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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....

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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

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Does the world around us seek pleasure, profit, and privilege? So do we. We have no readiness or strength to renounce these objectives, for we have recast Christianity into a mold that stresses happiness above holiness, blessings here above blessedness hereafter, health and wealth as God’s best gifts, and death, especially early death, not as thankworthy deliverance from the miseries of a sinful world (the view...²⁰

That the old Anglican Prayer Book expressed), but as the supreme disaster, and a constant challenge to faith in God’s goodness...

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Is our Christianity now out of shape? Yes, it is, and the basic reason is that we have lost the New Testament’s two-world perspective that views the next life as more important than this on and understands life here as essentially preparation and training for life hereafter. And we shall continue out of shape till this proper other-worldliness is recovered...

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Such otherworldliness does not in any way imply a low view of the wonder and glory and richness that life in this world can have. What otherworldliness implies is that you live your life here, long or short as it may be, seeing everything from the pilgrim perspective immortalized in Bunyan’s classic work, and making your decisions in terms of your knowledge of being a traveler on the way home.

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