

THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH
Part Two

Text: Heb. 10:32-39

INTRODUCTION

- Key statement (vs. 38) = “the just shall live by faith.”
- From the author’s exhortation to the faithful Hebrew believers, what a _____ of faith looks like:

I. THE PAST _____ OF THOSE WHO LIVE BY FAITH (vs. 32-34):

- Three characteristics of the faithful lifestyle of the Hebrew believers:
- A. They had been _____.**
 - Refers to the _____ of their eyes in salvation, resulting in genuine conversion and transformation.
- B. They had _____.**
 - A great _____ or struggle of afflictions.
 - Vs. 33-34, some of the sufferings these believers had overcome:
 - “Made a gazingstock by reproaches” = they had been exposed to the public _____ of unbelievers.
 - “Gazingstock of afflictions” = they had endured various humiliating _____ before the eyes of the world yet had honored God by a faithful testimony through them all.
 - “Spoiling (robbing, plundering) of their goods” = their possessions had been confiscated by their enemies because of their testimony, yet they had responded with a _____ attitude.

C. They had demonstrated _____ for the brethren.

- “Companions” (vs. 33) = they came alongside those suffering and ministered to their needs.
- “Had compassion” (vs. 34) = they had _____ for the author in prison and had done what they could to help him in that trial.

II. THE CURRENT _____ TO THOSE WHO LIVE BY FAITH (vs. 32, 35):

A. _____ to remembrance the former days (vs. 32).

- Application: If you want to live faithfully for God in the present, _____ what God has done for you in the past.

B. Cast not away your _____ (vs. 35).

- “Confidence” = _____ to speak and live for Christ; a fruit of genuine faith.
- Motivation = there is a great recompense of _____ (2 Cor. 4:17).

III. THE FUTURE _____ OF THOSE WHO LIVE BY FAITH (vs. 36-37):

- The promise of God = that of our future _____ in Christ.
- Three comforting truths about God’s promise:

A. How it will begin.

- With the promise of Christ’s soon return.
- “He that shall come will come” = _____ (Hab. 2:2-3).

B. When we will receive it.

1. **Relative to our _____ lives** = Vs. 36, “after we have done the will of God.”
2. **Relative to the timeline of history** = vs. 37, “in a _____ while.”

C. What we need in the meantime (vs. 36).

- The present application of _____ to keep doing the will of God in face of suffering, struggles, and opposition.

CONCLUSION

- Habakkuk 2:2-4:
 - “At the _____” = not just the overthrow of the ancient Babylonian empire but the future destruction of the Babylon ruled by the Beast.
 - We are still waiting for God to set all things right and for the vision to be fulfilled.
 - Therefore, we should adopt God’s admonition to Habakkuk as our motto, “The just shall live by his faith”; we should _____ patiently like he did; and (2:2) we should _____ with what God has said to us in His Word.
- By God’s grace:
 - Develop a track record of past perseverance;
 - Obey the current commands to _____ God’s faithfulness in the past and to hold on tight to your _____ in His promises;
 - Keep your future focus on the certain, _____ coming of Christ.