

Bible Class Notes – Studies in The Old Testament – Lesson 92A

Revision - The Christian Pilgrimage – Judgement and Deliverance.

This week – revising our lessons on how God blesses those who exercise faith in Him.

“Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.”
Hebrews 12 v1-2

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Hebrews 11 v1-16 (By Faith these believed)	
Monday	Hebrews 11 v17-31 (By Faith these believed)	
Tuesday	Hebrews 11 v32-40 (By Faith these believed)	
Wednesday	Hebrews 12 v1-13 (Faith - 'Looking unto Jesus')	
Thursday	Hebrews 12 v14-28 (Faith - 'Looking for Heaven')	
Friday	Ephesians 2 v1-10 (Faith is God's gift to us)	
Saturday	Ephesians 2 v11-22 (Faith in Christ gives us peace)	

A hymn reminding us that we need faith in the Lord Jesus Christ so as to enter Heaven: (401)

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| 1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine. | 2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire:
As Thou hast died for me,
O, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire. | 4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove,
O, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul. |
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Revision - All the people we have considered over the last few weeks can be identified as being in one of two Groups – A) Unbelievers or B) Believers.

- **Group A – Unbelievers have the following in common; They:**
 - Have selfish, greedy, and proud attitudes. No care for what they think, say, or do.
 - Live, taking all for themselves - as if God, their Creator, does not exist.
 - Foolishly have no thought for their God given soul or its' eternal destiny.
 - Only live for the here and now – no thought of Eternal Judgement of their sin.
- **Group B – Believers (Christians) have the following in common; They have:**
 - A heartfelt concern and regret for the guilt of their sin before the Holy, Creator God.
 - Humbly sought and found God's forgiveness for their sin. Certain hope of Heaven.
 - Received the gift of faith from God - enabled to believe that Christ died for them.
 - Teachable hearts – reading God's Word, believing and obeying it, and praying daily.
 - A desire to fellowship and worship with other believers, turning from worldly ways.

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83. Rahab. In Jericho, Weighing The Evidence – Finds the True God.

- Rahab, totally dissatisfied with her idol gods and sinful life style, discovered the One True God and turned to Him to seek His forgiveness for her sin.
- God heard her prayer and He answered. Her heart and life were changed.
- Trusting God she aligned herself with God's people - in faith protecting the spies.
- God kept His promise and saved her life when He destroyed Jericho's walls.

Rahab grew up in an ungodly home and yet on hearing of God turned to seek Him.

84. Achan Tries to Hide His Sins of Disobedience and Greed by Lying.

- Achan knew God's commandment – The spoils of Jericho were **not** to be taken.
- He saw, he coveted, he took, he hid, and he lied. **But** God knew Achan's secrets.
- He clung on to his worldly gains hoping they would be useful to him in the future.
- **But** he was found out. He did not show real repentance – **The Wages of Sin is Death.**

Achan wilfully chose to reject God even though he knew from a child the things of God.

85. Gideon, a Young Man, shows Faith towards God - Begins to Serve Him.

- Gideon faithfully refused to join the other people in their sinful worship of Baal.
- He sincerely places his trust and faith in God, looking to serve Him with integrity.
- Obeying the One True God, with courage, he destroys the man-made idol of Baal.
- Being strong in the LORD he took delight in obeying, and standing for his God.

86. Gideon Being Faithful to God is Given Victory Over The Midianites.

- He prayed to the Lord for confirmation that the Lord would be with him in battle.
- God directed him to select an army of those who had not worshipped Baal.
- He continued in steadfast faith when God rejected 31,700 of the 32,000 men.
- God used Gideon mightily to defeat the large Midianite army with only 300 men.

Gideon clearly demonstrated by his faith, trust, and obedience that he was a believer.

87. The People of Laish – Lived in a Dream World - No Thought of Danger.

- They took their paradise for granted; believing it would last forever.
So they lived self-absorbed, without care; given over to pleasure and prosperity.
- They felt secure in their careless way of life - no army to guard against any enemy, no Law or Magistrate. They died whilst living to please themselves.

These people lived only for pleasure and themselves so faced the judgement of God.

Take time to examine your heart to see which group describes the state of your soul.

Seek the Lord today, praying that He will lead you to being a believer in Jesus Christ.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not by works lest any man should boast.”

Ephesians 2 v8,9

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen ... through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” Hebrews 11 v1,3

Next week we will consider the other people in our recent series.