

**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 12v1-2.*

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

Hymn 401 – “My faith looks up to Thee” - *we need faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to enter Heaven:*

**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.

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

- Rahab, totally dissatisfied with her idol gods and sinful lifestyle, 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. She was the mother of Boaz and so was in the line of Christ.

**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.
- **But** he was found out. He did not show real repentance – **The Wages of Sin is Death.**

**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.

**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.

**88. Ruth the Moabitess Finds Faith in the One True God and a New Home.**

- Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah were all widowed. Naomi plans to return to Bethlehem.
- Ruth, hearing of the One True God from Naomi, turned from her idol worship and found forgiveness from the Lord. She chose to return with Naomi.
- Ruth gleaned for corn in Boaz’s fields. He married her and she became David’s grandmother, and was in the line of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**89. Samuel, Given to God by Hannah, Hears and Answers God’s Call.**

- Hannah kept her vow to give her son to the Lord, to serve in The Tabernacle.
- As a young boy he heard God’s call to faith and repentance. He repented.
- All through his life as God’s Prophet he faithfully and humbly served the Lord.
- He stood against Eli’s unbelieving sons, and against King Saul’s sinful pride.
- Power had not corrupted him - he lived in deep respect of God’s holy standards.

**90. The People Demand a King - A Ruler and Judge in Place of God.**

- Samuel is now approaching the end of his life as Priest, Prophet and Judge.
- The people had so much to thank God and Samuel for, yet were dissatisfied.
- The rebellious people demand a king, rejecting God’s gracious rule of leadership, freedom, and fairness. They want to be like other nations.
- God said to Samuel, **“They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me.”**

**91. Saul’s Pride and Unbelief brought his Downfall and a Lost Eternity.**

- God gave Saul wonderful opportunities for a blessed and useful life.  
BUT proudly he rejected God, rebelling against His Word and His commands.
- Saul sinned greatly - assumed the Priest’s role, kept King Agag alive.
- When challenged by Samuel he made excuses - blaming others for his sin.
- Saul became a moody, vicious, evil-tempered man, even to his own son.
- He forced Samuel to retreat from him – his kingdom was torn by civil-war.
- Driven to despair, Saul turned his back on God, secretly consulting a witch.
- Saul, suffering a disastrous defeat in battle, takes his own life. **(1 Samuel 31).**

**Let us examine our hearts and ensure that we are like Rahab, Gideon, Ruth, Samuel, and Boaz.**

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

*This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible*