

II. Rahab shows faith in God's plan of Conquest in a twofold way: first, in her choice and second, in the result of her choice.

A. Hebrews 11:31 explains Rahab's choice of faith in the second phrase **"By faith... when she had received the spies with peace."** Let's turn to Joshua 2:9-13 to see the twofold way this is faith is explained.

1. She Understood God's Position in a threefold way
 - a. She saw her people's panic (verse 9) **"that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you."** Notice the phrases "your terror is fallen upon us." "All the inhabitants of the land faint because of you." Terror: "a fear of hostile opponents." Faint: "become disheartened."
 - b. She understood God's power. "How the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea." "What ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites... Sihon and Og whom ye utterly destroyed."
 - c. Her People's powerlessness: "Our hearts did melt." Their entire disposition fell in fear. "Neither did there remain any more courage in any man because of you." "For the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath."
2. She Realized God's Protection in a three-fold way
 - a. Through prayer - verse 12 gives us a threefold character of prayer of faith
 - 1) **"Now therefore pray."** "I pray you" is the "polite form of asking for something." She asks them to pray.
 - 2) Promise **"swear unto me."**
 - 3) Provision **"by the LORD."** yehōwāh: covenant keeping
 - b. Through Participation **"Since I have showed you kindness, that ye will also show kindness unto my father's house."**
 - c. Through proof **"and give me a true token."**
 - 1) First, to protect (verse 13) **"And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."**
 - 2) Total loyalty (2:14) "And the men answered her, Our life for yours, **if ye utter not this our business.** And it shall be, when the Lord hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee."
 - 3) Identity (2:17-21)
- B. The result of her choice is found in the first phrase of Hebrews 11:31, **"perished not with them that believed not."** We see this in a twofold way in Joshua 6:22-25.

1. Protection Before Punishment
 - a. **A parable of comparison** Joshua 6:22 "Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence..." **Matthew 13:41** "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity."
 - b. **Punishment preformed** "And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein" Punishment will be preformed on the heathen (Genesis 15:16) Shows that God has a time of mercy.
 - c. **Progeny delivered** "Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had." Mat 1:5 "And Salmon begat Boaz of Rahab; and Boaz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse."
2. Prosperity in the Promised Land **Joshua 6:25** "and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho."

Faith in the time of judges (**Hebrews 11:32a** And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah)

I. Gideon (Jud 6:1-8:35) Timidity to Triumph

- A. Gideon: Timidity to Triumph by Understanding God's Character (Judges 6:13-14)
1. Being caught up in the present darkens our understanding of the present.

2. God's character is to show us His presence at these times.

B. Gideon: Timidity to Triumph by Understanding God's Call (Judges 6:14-16)

1. God's Sending
2. Gideon's Wrong Focus
3. God's Promise of Presence and Power

C. Gideon: Timidity to Triumph by Trusting God's Course (Judges 6:36-39; 7:9-15.)

II. Barak: Trust in a Team

- A. God's Providential Choice - Deborah (Judges 4:4-5)
1. Her position was judge over a judged people. (Judges 4:1-3)
 2. People went to her to hear from God. (Judge 4:4-5)

B. God's Path Prophesied (Judges 4:6-7)

C. God's Prophet Pursued (Judges 4:8-9)

1. Demand for the Presence of God's Prophetess
2. Doesn't Care about Personal Fame

III. Jephthah: Trust Over Tribalism

A. The Prejudice of the People (Judges 11:1-6)

B. Trust in God's Promises (Judges 11:12-28)

Time of the Kingdom (**Hebrews 11:32b** of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets.)

I. David's Faith to Receive the Promise (Acts 2:29-31; 13:22-36)

A. David's present position (v. 29) "of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day."

B. David the Prophet (v. 30) "being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him."

C. David the Believer of the Promise (v. 31) "seeing this before spake of the resurrection" Psalm 16:10

II. Samuel and the Prophets: Faith to Foretell (Acts 3:24; 13:20)

A. The Past Precedence (Acts 3:22) "A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up."

B. Declaration of Punishment (Acts 3:23) "will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people."

C. The Pattern Explained (Acts 3:24) "all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days."

Faith's Results

I. In Victory (Hebrews 11:33-35a)

A. Subdue Kingdoms - "Fought and Conquered Kingdoms"

1. God provides the power (Psalms 18:32-34).
2. God provides the punishment (Psalms 44:2-6).
3. God provides the prudence (Psalms 144:1-2).

B. Wrought Righteousness ("Wrought righteousness" means "dispensed justice to the nations.")

1. Trusted in God's Provision (Hebrews 11:4)
2. Trusted in God's Path (Hebrews 11:8)
3. Trusted in What God Produces (Hebrews 11:11)

C. Obtained Promise

1. Through Patience (Hebrews 6:12)
2. Through God's Promise - Promising through His Very Person (Hebrews 6:13)
3. Through Persevering (Hebrews 6:14-15)

D. Stopped the mouths of lions

1. Spirit's Power (Judges 14:5-6)
2. God's Protection (Daniel 6:20-23; Psalms 91:13; 2 Timothy 4:7)
3. Be Prudent (1 Peter 5:8)

E. Quenched the Violence of Fire

1. Through His Presence (Daniel 3:19-28)
2. Through God's People (Isaiah 43:1)
- 3 Partakers of Christ's Suffering (1 Peter 4:12)

F. Escaped the Edge of the Sword (Hebrews 11:34)

1. Out of Weakness were Made Strong (King Asa - 2 Chronicles 14:11-14)
2. Waxed Valiant in Fight
3. Turned to Flight the Armies of Aliens