

Lesson XI.

HEROES OF FAITH

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Hebrews 11: 1-3, 17-29. Commit to memory vs. 24, 25. Study Hebrews 11: 1-40.

GOLDEN TEXT—Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.—Hebrews 11: 1.

1 Now faith is the ¹ substance of things hoped for, the ² evidence of things not seen.2 For ³ by it the elders ⁴ obtained a good report.3 ⁵ Through faith we understand that the worlds ⁶ were framed by the word of God, so that ⁷ things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.17 By faith A'braham, ⁸ when he was tried, offered up Isaac: ⁹ and he that had ¹⁰ received the promises ¹¹ offered up his only begotten son.18 ¹² Of whom it was said, ¹³ That in I'saac shall thy seed be called:19 Accounting that God ¹⁴ was able to raise ¹⁵ him up, even from the dead; from whence ¹⁶ also he received him in a figure.20 By faith I'saac blessed Ja'cob and E'sau ¹⁷ concerning things to come.21 By faith Ja'cob, when he was a dying, blessed ¹⁸ both the sons of Jo'seph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff.22 By faith Jo'seph, when ¹⁹ he died, made mention of the ²⁰ departing of the children of Israel; and gave

Revised Version—¹ assurance; ² proving; ³ therein; ⁴ had witness borne to them; ⁵ By; ⁶ have been; ⁷ what is seen hath not been made out of; ⁸ being tried; ⁹ yea, he; ¹⁰ gladly; ¹¹ was offering up; ¹² even he to whom; ¹³ Omitt That; ¹⁴ is; ¹⁵ Omitt him; ¹⁶ he did also in a parable receive him back; ¹⁷ even; ¹⁸ each of; ¹⁹ his end was nigh; ²⁰ departure; ²¹ goodly; ²² grown up; ²³ be evil entreated; ²⁴ accounting; ²⁵ of; ²⁶ looked unto the recompense of reward; ²⁷ the; ²⁸ that the destroyer of the; ²⁹ not; ³⁰ swallowed up.

LESSON PLAN

I. What Faith Is, 1, 2.

II. What Faith Does, 3, 17-29.

DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

M.—Heroes of faith, Heb. 11: 1-12. T.—Heroes of faith, Heb. 11: 13-31. W.—Heroes of faith, Heb. 11: 32-40. Th.—Nehemiah's faith, Neh. 2: 11-20. F.—Daniel's faith, Dan. 6: 1-10. S.—Let us follow I Heb. 12: 1-13. S.—Conquerors, Rom. 8: 31-39.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery? A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter

commandment concerning his bones.

23 By faith Mo'ses, when he was born, was hid three months ⁵ of his parents, because they saw *he was* a ²¹ proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.24 By faith Mo'ses, when he ²² came to years, refused to be called the son of Phar'ao'h's daughter;25 Choosing rather to ²³ suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;26 ²⁴ Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures ²⁵ in E'gypt: for he ²⁶ had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

27 By faith he forsook E'gypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 ⁵ Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of ²⁷ blood, ²⁸ lest he that destroyed the firstborn should ²⁹ touch them.29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egypt'ians assaying to do were ³⁰ drowned.

into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

The Question on Missions—11. What is the Bible Society doing for the newcomers? The Bible Society is trying to provide every newcomer who can read with a copy of the Bible, printed in his own language.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, Ps. Sel. 65 (Supplemental Lesson); 263; 583; 34 (Ps. Sel.); 255 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 272.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps. 46. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole Schoc.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 126, Jacob Blessing Sons of Joseph (v. 21). For Question on Missions, H. M. 18, Canadian Bible Society Depot at St. John.

EXPOSITION

Lesson Setting—The Epistle to the Hebrews was written between A.D. 65 and A.D. 68 to some church made up of Jewish Christians. (For its purpose, see For Teachers of the Older Scholars and Bible Classes.)

I. What Faith Is, 1, 2.

Vs. 1, 2. *Faith is the substance*; Rev. Ver., "the assurance". The Greek word may signify either the giving to things as yet "hoped for" the reality of an actual "substance"; or the inspiring by faith, in its possessor, of an assured confidence. *Things hoped for*; namely, for Abraham and his immediate descendants, the assured possession of Canaan; and for the Israelites in Egypt, deliverance from bondage, and the enjoyment of the Promised Land; and for us such blessings as a glorious resurrection and life in heaven. *Evidence* (Rev. Ver., "proving"). Faith is a power by which the unseen is made as certain as visible things.

Things not seen; gifts promised, but not yet enjoyed, by God's ancient people and blessings for us still future, and also such present blessings as forgiveness of, and cleansing from, sin through Christ, and God's guidance and care throughout life. Faith ventures on the divine promises concerning these unseen things, as we trust our property and lives to the staunchness of a vessel and the seamanship of its captain. *The elders*; God's people of the past. *Had witness borne to them* (Rev. Ver.); in the Old Testament scriptures. These saints of yore owe their fame to their faith.

II. What Faith Does, 3, 17-29.

V. 3. *By faith we understand... worlds... framed by the word of God* (Rev. Ver.). Faith lays hold on God Himself. We believe that He is. For we can think of One who is perfect in wisdom, power and goodness, and only such a perfect Being could give us the