

## **FAITH THAT PLEASES GOD III: ALL COMMENDED FOR THEIR FAITH**

Hebrews 11:29-40

Key Verse: 11:39

**“These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ...”**

1. How does the contrast between the people of Israel and the Egyptians emphasize the importance of faith (29)?
2. To what event does “the walls of Jericho fell” refer (30a; Jos 6:12-20)? Why did this require faith, and who exercised faith (30b)? How is Rahab’s faith described, why was her inclusion significant, how was she rewarded (31; Jos 2:1,9-14; 6:22-25; Mt 1:5)?
3. Who does the author further mention (32-33a; Jdg 7:19-21; 4:14-15; 16:28-30; 11:29-33; 1Sa 17:45-49; 1Sa 7:10-11)? What made these people notable?
4. What acts of unnamed people are mentioned (33b-35a; Dan 3:16-18; 6:21-22; 1Ki 17:17-24; 2Ki 4:18-37)? What are the common factors in these acts?
5. What different characteristics can you find in the acts mentioned in verses 35b-38? In what sense was the resurrection they hoped for “better” (35; 1Co 15:42-44,49)? How does God see those mistreated by the world because of their faith (38)?
6. Read verses 39-40. Why is it so important to keep the faith in any situation (39; 11:6)? To what does God’s better plan refer (40a; 8:10-12; 9:15)? How do the words “only together with us...be made perfect” reveal God’s ultimate goal (40b)?