Letter to the Hebrews: Chapter 10 (Part 2) / Chapter 11 (Part 1)

Sunday, December 14 / Wednesday, December 17

Chapter and Date: Chapter 10 – Part 2 (Sunday, December 14)

References: Deuteronomy 32: 35 – 36; Habakkuk 2: 3 – 4; Romans 8: 18

- In verses 24 25, how does the writer describe the importance of gathering together to worship? What benefits does he mention?
- From verses 26 31, what is the consequence for those who willfully continue in sin? Considering verse 29, how does sin affect our relationship with God?
- As articulated in verses 32 34, how had the writer's audience responded to hardships and persecution? How had they assisted the writer in his imprisonment?
- In verses 35 38, what is the benefit of enduring hardship and persecution? Describe the promise referenced in verses 36 38.
- How does the author describe the outcome of our faithful endurance in verse 39, and how can we apply the lesson that he conveys?

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Chapter and Date: Chapter 11 – Part 1 (Wednesday, December 17)

References: Hebrews 11: 1 - 3; Hebrews 11: 6; Hebrews 11: 8 - 12; 2 Corinthians 5: 7; 1 Peter 2: 11 - 12; Philippians 3: 20 - 21

- In verses 1 3, how does the writer describe faith? What can we learn and apply from his description?
- In verse 8, how is Abraham's decision to leave home described, and how did that serve as a reflection of his faith? (see also Genesis 12: 1 9)
- From verses 9 10, why is it significant that Abraham was considered to be a foreigner in the land of promise, and what was the basis of his faith?
- In verses 11 12, how is Sarah's faith described, and what was the result?
 (see also Genesis 18: 1 15 and Genesis 21: 1 7)
- Considering the account given in Genesis 18: 10 − 15, how does Sarah respond when God says that He will bless her with a son, and what did that indicate about her faith at that point? (see also Genesis 21: 6 − 7)
- In general, how are Abraham and Sarah examples of living by faith, and what can we apply from their example?