



Hebrews 11v1-40

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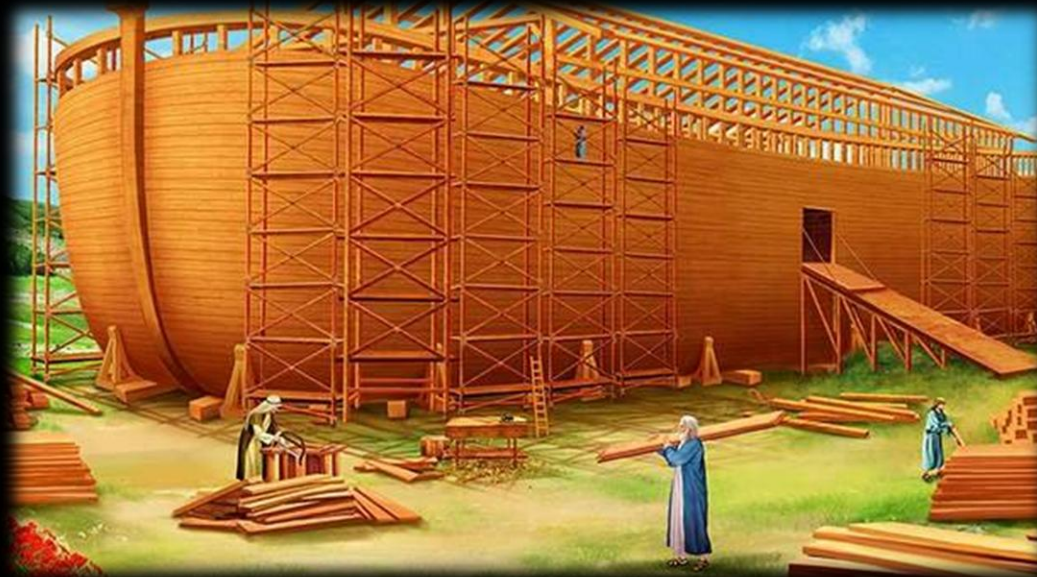
6v12: We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

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V7: By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family.



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V11: And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.



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V10: For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

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V13: All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

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V16: Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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V24-26: By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

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V27: By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered...

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V36-40: Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them.

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They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

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Mt 10v22: You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

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“Be of good cheer, master Ridley, and play the man; we shall this day light such a candle in England, by God's grace, that I trust shall never be put out.”

Hugh Latimer

2 Tim 4v7-8: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but, also to all who have longed for his appearing.



