

THE TRIALS OF FAITH  
(Hebrews 11:35-38)

- I. Some endured PROFOUND GRIEF (11:35*a*)
  - A. WOMEN “received THEIR DEAD” by resurrection (1 Kings 17:17, 24; 2 Kings 4:18-37)
  - B. It proved to be a TEMPORARY REPRIEVE
  
- II. Some endured TORTUROUS ABUSE (11:35*b*-36)
  - A. “TORTURED,” but REFUSING to gain RELEASE by APOSTASY (2 Macc. 6:18-28)
  - B. Included “MOCKINGS” (2 Kings 2:23; 2 Macc. 7:7-14)
  - C. Included “SCOURGINGS” (Jer. 20:2)
  - D. Included “CHAINS” and “PRISON” (Gen. 39:20; 1 Kings 22:27; 2 Chron. 16:10; Jer. 37:15; 38:6)
  
- III. Some endured HORRIBLE DEATHS (11:37*a*)
  - A. Included being STONED (2 Chron. 24:20-22)
  - B. Included being “SAWN in TWO” (“The Martyrdom of Isaiah;” Justin Martyr; Origen)
  - [C. Included being “TEMPTED” or “TESTED”]

- D. Included EXECUTION by SWORD (1 Kings 19:10; Jer. 26:23)
- IV. Some endured PROLONGED DEPRIVATION (11:37*b*, 38*b*)
- A. Having NO MONEY or PROVISIONS (1 Kings 19:13 [LXX]; 2 Kings 1:8; with Lk. 22:25)
  - B. Having ABUNDANT TROUBLES and ADVERSITIES
  - C. Having no HOME (1 Sam. 22:1; 24:3-10; 1 Kings 18:4, 13; 1 Macc. 2:28-29)
- V. ALL described by a parenthetical EVALUATION (11:38*a*)
- A. The WORLD considered them WORTHLESS OUTCASTS
  - B. In REALITY, they were WORTH MORE than the WORLD