

Witnesses of Our Race

Heb. 12:1-2

Introduction:

- A. The Christian life is a race - a struggle.
- B. Three kinds of people at this race.
 - 1. The participants - Christians.
 - 2. The officials - God (cf. 2 Tim. 2:5)
 - 3. The spectators (witnesses).
- C. The encouragements of the witnesses in chapter 11:

Discussion:

- I. Abel (v. 4) - Death not end of influence.**
- II. Enoch (v. 5-6) - It pays to please God.**
- III. Noah (v. 7) - Faithful few - Endurance , etc.**
- IV. Abraham (v. 8-18) - Obedience without knowing outcome.**
- V. Jacob (v. 21) - Endured in face of disappointments - work for wives.**
- VI. Joseph (v. 22) - Virtue under trial.**
- VII. Moses (v. 23-26) - Life more than money and pleasure.**
- VIII. Israel and Jericho (v. 30) - The power of God.**
- IX. Rahab (v. 31) – All can change.**
- X. Others (v. 32 ff) – Did not accept deliverance.**
- XI. The Ultimate Witness (12:2).**

Conclusion:

- A. Christianity is a struggle.
- B. Given encouragement and assurance by Bible examples of struggle.