

## The Hall of Faith, part 7

### *And the Best*

Hebrews 11:35a-40

**By faith, God's people found victory in the midst of trouble**  
(33-35a)

**By faith, God's people \_\_\_\_\_ hardships**  
(35b)

*Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection.*

Which faith is stronger?

The one that believes and sees \_\_\_\_\_

The one that doesn't see the \_\_\_\_\_,  
yet still \_\_\_\_\_

### **\_\_\_\_\_ Persecution**

<sup>36</sup> *Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison.*

Jeers experience many times by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of Eleazar (2 Macc. 6:18, 30-31)

<sup>18</sup> Eleazar, one of the scribes in high position, a man now advanced in age and of noble presence, was being forced to open his mouth to eat swine's flesh.

<sup>30</sup> When he was about to die under the blows, he groaned aloud and said: "It is clear to the Lord in his holy knowledge that, though I might have been saved from death, I am enduring terrible sufferings in my body under this beating, but in my soul I am glad to suffer these things because I fear him."

<sup>31</sup> So in this way he died, leaving in his death an example of nobility and a memorial of courage, not only to the young but to the great body of his nation.

\_\_\_\_\_ of Hanani (2 Chron. 16:7-10)

### **\_\_\_\_\_ Persecution**

<sup>37</sup> *They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword.*

Through \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Chron. 24:20-22)

**By being cut in two. Example \_\_\_\_\_**

**By the \_\_\_\_\_: various prophets and Uriah**

(1 Kings 19:9-10; Jeremiah 26:20-23)

**Persecution leading to \_\_\_\_\_**  
*They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—<sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **prophets hidden** (1 Kings 18:4)

**Mattathias and his \_\_\_\_\_** (1 Macc. 2:27-28)

<sup>27</sup> Then Mattathias cried out in the town with a loud voice, saying: "Let every one who is zealous for the law and supports the covenant come out with me!" <sup>28</sup> Then he and his sons fled to the hills and left all that they had in the town.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Maccabees** (2 Macc. 5:27)

<sup>27</sup> But Judas Maccabeus, with about nine others, got away to the wilderness, and kept himself and his companions alive in the mountains as wild animals do; they continued to live on what grew wild, so that they might not share in the defilement.

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