

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

The Witness of Many

Hebrews 11:32-40

1. Those Who Are Named

- A. Gideon: A Judge with Feeble Faith (Judg. 6:11-12, 36-40)
- B. Barak: A Judge with Hesitating Faith (Judg. 4:8)
- C. Samson: A Judge with Desperate Faith (Judg. 16:1-3, 28-30)
- D. Jephthah: A Judge with Brash Faith (Judg. 11:29ff)
- E. David: A Man with Confident Faith (1 Sam 17:20ff)
- F. Samuel: A Man with Obedient Faith (1 Sam 15:23; 16:6-13)

2. The Prophets

- A. Elijah: A Prophet with Faith Against All Odds (1 Ki. 18:20-40)
- B. Elisha: A Prophet with Faith in the Unseen (2 Kings 6:15-19)
- C. Jonah: A Prophet with Faith in the Mercy of God (Jonah 4:2)
- D. Daniel: A Prophet with Faith in the Providence of God (Daniel 6:22)

3. Those Who Are Unnamed

- A. Hannahiah, Azariah, and Mishaiah and the Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3:19-30)
- B. The Widow of Zarephath who Received Back Her Dead Son (1 Ki. 17:22)
- C. Micaiah and His Life Sentence for Prophesying Truthfully (1 Ki. 22:27)

The more we know about those who are named, the more sinful failings we see in their lives. Let the example of their lives that were stained with sin but characterized by faith in God be a continuing encouragement to you as you fix your eyes on Jesus and seek to follow Him.