

# Witnesses of Our Race

Heb. 12:1-2

## I. *Figures of Speech For Life of A Christian*

- Jesus spoke of light, salt, building a house in the Sermon on the Mount.
- Paul used various analogies:
  - Walk. (Eph. 4-5)
  - Fight. (II Tim. 4:6-8)
  - Race. (Heb. 12:1-2)
- The Race:
  - The participants. (Gal. 5:7)
  - God. (II Tim. 2:5)
  - The witnesses – not only those who see, but who testify by their lives as to what it takes to run the race faithfully, with patience – who provide encouragement.
- Lesson: What do the witnesses say to us today?

## II. *Testimony of the Witnesses*

- Abel. (Heb. 11:4; Gen. 4:1-9)
  - Death is not the end of one's influence. (Heb. 11:4)
  - Worship that pleases God is offered by faith. (Rom. 10:17; Jn. 4:24)
- Enoch. (Heb. 11:5; Gen. 5:22)
  - God rewards those who please him. (Gal. 1:10)
  - Walk with God. Live your life in conformity to his word.
- Noah. (Heb. 11:7ff; Gen. 6-9)
  - Follow God's pattern. (Gen. 6:22)
  - Heed God's warnings. (Heb. 11:7)
  - Truth not determined by the majority. (Matt. 7:13-14)
- Abraham. (Heb. 11:8ff; Gen. 12:1-7)
  - Place your faith in the promises of God. (Heb. 11:8-16)
  - Place your faith in the power of God. (Gen. 22)
- Joseph. (Heb. 11:22; Gen. 39)
  - Recognize and resist temptation. (Gen. 39:7-9)
  - Sin is against God. (Gen. 39:9)
  - Temptation can be resisted. (I Cor. 10:13; Js. 4:4)
- Moses (Heb. 11:23-28)
  - Life is much more than power, money and pleasure.
  - Put spiritual and eternal things above those that are material and temporal. (Matt. 6:19-20; Col. 3:1-20)
- Others who did not accept deliverance. (Heb. 11:32-40)
  - Persevere by faith. (Heb. 11:33)
  - Don't compromise. (Heb. 11:35)
  - Seek a better resurrection. (Heb. 11:35)
- The ultimate witness – Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (Heb. 12:2)