The Author and Finisher of our Faith

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1. Valid Faith
   1. The Spoken Word of God Obeyed

Hebrews 1:1—*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,*

2*—Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

2:1—*Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.*

*2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

*18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

1. Valid Signs

Isaiah 8:18—*Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.*

*7:3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field; {Shearjashub: that is, The remnant shall return}*

*14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Isaiah 8:1*—Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mahershalalhashbaz. {Mahershalalhashbaz: Heb. In making speed to the spoil he hasteneth the prey, or, Make speed, etc}*

3*—And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz.*

20:3*—And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;*

*Isa 20:6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and* ***how shall we escape****?*

Depending on other’s is frustrating, disappointing,

Depend on the Lord not wait to flee to Him.

instead of driving us to despair, as here (how shall we escape?), should drive us closer to God; for, if we depend on him for help, our expectation shall not be frustrated.

Heb 2:3 **How shall we escape**, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

1. Isaiah’s clothes were a visual exhortation to repentance.
   1. He dressed to represent there will be captives.

Zec 3:8—*Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.* {wondered...: Heb. of wonder, or, sign}

Hebrews 2:13—*And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.*

*1Co 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. {confusion: Gr. tumult, or, unquietness}*