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## **Intro to Hebrews 11:24-28**

It is telling that Moses, the man through whom God gave Israel the law, was commended for his faith. It was not that Moses was faithful to keep all the law. He wasn't. In fact, he broke the law in such dramatic fashion that the LORD prohibited him from entering the Promised Land with the rest of the people. Instead, he believed in the God of his fathers, the God of Israel, and his faith led him to obey God rather than men.

The contrast that the author of Hebrews draws here is especially stark. He chose to be mistreated *rather than* enjoy the passing pleasures of sin. He chose the reproach of Christ *rather than* the treasures of Egypt. He chose to endure *rather than* fear the king's edict.

This is the contrast that each of us faces between a life of faithfulness to God and a life of the fleeting pleasures of sin. There is a reason we continue to sin—there is a measure of enjoyment that you can derive from sin. However, we must recognize that it is fleeting and that God's word is everlasting. But as we strive to see Him who is invisible, may He give us grace to see Him as He is and be conformed into His image and likeness through the eyes of faith.

### **Context**

Moses naturally follows chronologically in the history of the Old Testament that the author gives us here. He serves a bit of a unique role in that he was the covenant mediator for the covenant to which the people were tempted to return. By highlighting Moses here, the author, in effect, explains how it was Moses' faith that enabled him to choose life rather than death (Deut. 30:19). Therefore, the readers who are tempted to turn back to the Mosaic covenant are exhorted to cling to Christ by the same faith that Moses had.



