

Running the Race

Hebrews 12:1-3

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Intro: We have considered the new and living way Jesus has made for us as the Forerunner of our faith. The writer of Hebrews brings us to his final exhortation. We are to run the race with patience endurance, investing all we have in its performance.

- I. We Are Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses
 - A. What does this mean?
 1. The example of those who have run before us (Chapter 11)
 2. Literally those forerunners who watch from heaven
 - B. What is the purpose of this great assembly?
 1. They have demonstrated the way to run
 2. They have paid the great price (v.4)
- II. How Are We to Run this Christian Race?
 - A. By laying aside every encumbrance (anything that hinders single minded focus)
 - B. By putting off the sin that entangles us
 1. Some sin that is our personal weakness
 2. A particular sin? (faithlessness, rebellion)
 - C. Run with endurance (patience)
 - D. Fixing our eyes on the goal (ἀρχηγός: author, leader, founder, Prince)
- III. Jesus Had a Goal that Makes Our Race Worthwhile
 - A. For the JOY set before Him
 - B. Consider Him so you will not grow weary and lose heart