

# The Letter To The Hebrews

## How To Overcome Temptation

### Hebrews 11:23-28

#### Introduction

Satan is prowling like a roaring lion seeking to devour those who trust Christ. The way he seeks to devour us is by tempting us to sin. Which is why it's crucial that we overcome temptation. But temptations are not easy to overcome. So how can we do that? The answer is in Hebrews 11:23-28 —

#### What does faith do when it faces temptation? (23)

Pharaoh had declared that every Hebrew male baby must be killed. So what did Moses' parents do? By faith they overcame this temptation. "they saw that the child was beautiful" means that they saw that he was beautiful in God's eyes (Acts 7:20), which means they saw God had a plan for Moses. So faith overcomes temptation. But how?

#### How does faith overcome temptation? (24-26)

Moses knew God was calling him to join the nation of Israel. But it would have been costly to leave the wealth of Egypt and become a slave. So what did Moses do? He left the wealth of Egypt and joined God's people. But how did he do this? He did it "by faith" (v.24). We see what that meant in v.26. Moses did not compare the greater wealth of Egypt with the lesser wealth of joining God's people — and then choose the lesser wealth because it was the right thing to do. He saw that joining God's people was the greater wealth. Why? Because "he was looking to the reward" (v.26). The reward is God Himself. Our greatest joy is knowing and worshiping God Himself. Joining God's people was the greater wealth, because that was the path of obedience, and by walking the path of obedience, Moses would have more of God. So overcome temptation by faith — by praying over God's Word until you once again see and feel that God is your all-satisfying Treasure.

#### How can faith keep on overcoming temptation? (v.27)

After Moses overcame one temptation, he soon faced another. He had to flee to Moab, where he knew no one and had nothing. Following Christ means temptation after temptation after temptation. So how can we endure — keep on obeying? Moses endured by seeing Him who is unseen. When we see and feel God's glory, and majesty, we will see that the path of obedience is worth it because it will bring us more of God.

#### If we don't overcome temptation, is it all over? (v.28)

No. What caused God's judgment to pass over Israel was not how much they overcame temptation. Rather, it was the blood of the Passover Lamb. The same is true for us. Christ is the Passover Lamb.



