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SUBJECT: The Roll - Call
of Faith

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verse 32: "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell..."

INTRODUCTION | There are many illustrious roll-calls in the pages of human history. From ancient to modern times searching interest has compiled and preserved the lists of the great of the earth. There is the roll of the rulers of Persia..... Many of these truly are great, and to be remembered among their would be to possess a place in the sun of the world's past admiration.

But there is a greater roll-call than any of these, a list which spreads itself over God's Book of Life. Page after page that book glows with the names of the truly illustrious of the earth. Just a little piece of this roll we find in the seventh chapter of Hebrews - it is but a bare page of a great book at the author's admission, for he says, "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell" of the rest. It is desired to us to have been an Emperor of Rome, or to be a king of England, or a President of the U.S., but thank God, there is room for our names in God's Book of Life - room for all who by faith dare to be numbered among Heaven's throne.

And who would deny that to be named in God's book of remembrance is to be included in a list the like of which the earth hath never seen for glory? Jesus so declared that it was the greatest honor among men. When our Saviour sent out the seventy, they returned in great joy, saying that even the devils were subject to them through the name of Jesus. The master said, in effect, truly that is a mighty thing - so mighty that I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven, defeated and overcome. "Notwithstanding," the Saviour said, "I do rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." (Lk. 10¹⁷⁻²⁰)

II. The Place is Britain.

Where is the glory of Athens, the grandeur of Rome? What has become of the gardens and walks of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the world? Where is Napoleon's empire? Tomorrow, when shall be the power and glory of the British Isles, or of America? This night, nations, the glory of kingdoms, have been for but a season. Like a ruby rocket, rise and when they burst and die.

But the Kingdom God hath given them who have faith enough to possess it shall abide forever and ever, hourly more glorious. "When were born three thousand years, Bright shining as the sun..."

III. The Challenge is Mightier.

To labor and strive for a hope that can be materially realized may be a commendable undertaking. Some men work for political power - the gov. of the earth.
for riches - the industries of the earth.
for intellectual power - the sciences.

Manhood, womanhood, youth today is challenged hourly by these vast fields and callings.

But a mightier challenge, to work toward a different goal, for a different treasure, for a different kind of knowledge that is, by faith to cast all of life, ambitions, hopes, aspirations upon God, and to seek nothing but in His will, desire, covet strive for, work for, do, love nothing but in His will.

(a) Dr. Joanny and I talking together: "After all, how do you know! a personal God, One who watches, directs, cares?"
That is the challenge of faith. By faith we understand worlds made... by faith Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, all those who doubtless, afflicted wandered about in sheepskins, goatskins.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
The challenge is to gaze at all you have for X, but your soul there is a God. It is a sandstone tower Paul used to describe Ephesus.
is Heb 2:36 "regarding his life"

ROLL CALLS

I PERSIAN RULERS

Cyrus, Cambyses, Darius Hystaspis, Xerxes,
Artaxerxes, Xerxes II, Darius Nothus,
Artaxerxes Mnemon, Ochus, Arses, Darius.

II. PTOLEMAIC KINGS (Alexandria)

Ptolemy Soter, Philadelphus, Euergetes I,
Philopater, Epiphanes, Philometor, Physcon,
Lathyrus, Alexander and Cleopatra, Cleitras,
Dionysius and Cleopatra.

III. SELEUCID KINGS (Antioch)

Selencus Nicator, Antiochus Soter, Antiochus
Theos, Selencus Callinicus, S. Ceraunus,
A. the Great, S. Philopator, A. Epiphanes,
A. Eupator, Demetrius Soter, Alexander Balas,
D. Nicator, A. Theos, A. Sidetes, D. Nicator,
Selencus I, A. Tryphon, A. Cyzicenus,
A. Eusebia, Tigranes.

IV. ROMAN EMPERORS

Julius Caesar, Augustus Caesar, Tiberius,
Gaius Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Otto, Galba,
Vespasian, Titus, Domitian, Trajan, Hadrian,
Marcus Aurelius,

V. KINGS OF ENGLAND

Egbert, Ethelwulf, Ethelbert ... Albert, Edward,
Athelstan, Edmund, Edred, -- Edgar, ...
Harold, William, Henry, Stephen, ... Richard,
John, ... Mary, Elizabeth, James, Charles,
Anne, ... George; Victoria, Edward, George. ...

VI. PRESIDENTS OF THE U.S.

Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe,
Adams, Jackson, Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler,
Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan,
Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield,
Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley,
Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge,
Hoover, Roosevelt.

Bogus, picture, in ^{Paul} St. Peters
Bavaria, " in Texas Capitol

"Our soldier dead." Rolle of Honor.

Feb. 11. (11:32)

The Roll-Call of Faith

On the pages of history, illustrious roll-calls, ancient, modern
The lists of the great of the earth:

Pharaohs of Egypt .. rulers of Persia .. Emperors of Rome
Kings of England .. Presidents of the U.S. .. St Pauls, popes
Our state capital gov. of Tex .. Baseball greats at Comptons N.Y.
"Our soldiers dead" rolls of honor. f. our church fays.

But a greater roll-call .. a list which spreads itself
over Holy Book, 2nd Ep. Page after page the book glows ...
just a little piece, that book we find in Feb. 11. It is
but a bare page of the roll at the author's own
admission = Feb 11:32.

To us, denied to be an Emperor, Rome, King of England; few more
in hall, James as President of the Republic - but there is room
for our names in Holy Book, 2nd Ep. for all who by faith ..

f. Luke 10:17-20 Jesus declares to the pretent Rome
every man. Swart returned with of. demons subject ..
Jesus answered, truly a night, truly - no night belied later
"Light of faith, defeated, overcome." "Notwithstanding .."

f. Mal. 3:16,17. In the last book of the OT, next to the
last chapter .. speak often .. "and what did we do for
you who have done this, and spoke in his presence,
merciful way? .. kind, remember .." you
most wonderful thy we could do for us. -

f. Rev. 5:21 John in Patmos saw the book opened;
for them whose names were in the page, and created
a new heaven and a new earth.

3. The reward is sure

So Heb. 11: 26

The rewards, the life are oft times pleasant. Fame
Fortune
Wealth
Pleasure

But the pains, trials, & losses are inseparable:

= Heb. 12: 13-21

= Matt. 6: 19, 20

The rewards, the pains in the life are oft times bitter

= Heb. 11: 36-38

But Heb. 11: 40 "And God provided some better thing..."

= Heb. 12: 10, 13, 16

So Paul, Phil 1: 21 "if for me to live is ^{ambition} vanity ^{of this world} & death is ^{gain} profit ^{to me} in the Cross of Christ, death is better." ambition
vanity
of this world
gain
to me

(c) Hyman "The truth, the reward will seem mildly when we get to the end of the way"

4. The comfort, the prospect, is dear.

As a boy, the fame of Clarence Darrow. ^{Loeb, Zupke trial} ^{Singer trial, Dreyfus, Tom} ^{W. 2. Bryan}

"The story of it" most dismal but most interesting. ²⁷ ^{repeatedly} ^{with} ^{heart} ^{beating} ^{strongly} ^{for} ^{months} ^{but} ⁱⁿ ^{vain} ^{wait} ^{the} ^{future}!"

(d) The fallen soldier. The nurse ministering. One of the relatives call "Here he is". The nurse to him. "No nurse, I am not here." "Here are you?" "No, nurse, I am not here." "Here, here!" Then saying you call "Here he is?" "Here, they are calling me not in my name, I am answering to my name."

(e)

My Saviour's Trust of all 1872
Blind Fanny Crosby b. 1820

When my life work is ended
and I cross the swelling tide,
When the bright and glorious morning
I shall see;

I shall know my Redeemer
when I reach the other side,
And His smile will be the first
to welcome me.

Oh, the soul-thrilling rapture
when I view His blessed face,
And the lustre of His kindly
loving eyes,

How my full heart will praise Him
for the mercy, care and grace

that prepared for me a
manion in the skies.

Oh, the dear ones in glory
how they beckon me to come,
And our parting at the
river I recall;
To the sweet water of Eden
they will sing my welcome home,
But I long to see my Saviour
first of all.

Through the gates of the city
in a robe of spotless white,
He will lead me where no
tears will ever fall;
In the glad song of the angels
I shall mingle with delight
But I long to see my
Saviour first of all.