

A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's legs and feet as they run on a red athletic track. The track has white lane markings. A long, dark shadow of the runner is cast onto the track surface, extending from the bottom left towards the center. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**"LET US RUN  
WITH  
ENDURANCE THE  
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SET BEFORE US"**

**Hebrews 12:1-29**



# *“Let Us Run With Endurance The Race That Is Set Before Us”*



- ◆ **Superiority of Christ and The New Covenant – (1,2,5,7-10)**
- ◆ **Examples of those who failed – (3,4)**
- ◆ **Danger of turning back to the Old Testament – (6,10)**
- ◆ **Great examples of faith – (11)**
- ◆ **The race of faith which requires endurance through many obstacles – (12)**

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## **THE OBSTACLE OF DISTRACTIONS – Overcome by focusing on Jesus – (1,2)**



- ♦ The testimony of many witnesses – (12:1; 11:1-40)
- ♦ Lay aside EVERY weight and EVERY sin – (12:1; Mark 10:37,38; Luke 8:14; 2 Tim 2:4; Rom. 13:14; Col. 3:5-8; 2 Tim 2:5)
- ♦ Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith – (12:2; 1:1,2; 2:10; 6:19,20; 10:20; Luke 14:26-33)

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**THE OBSTACLE OF RESISTANCE –**  
Overcome by understanding the  
nature of our trouble – (3-11)

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- ◆ Consider Jesus – (12:3; Luke 4:28-29; 11:53-54; 16:14; 1 Pet. 2:20-25; Mat 10:24)
  - ◆ The life of faith is not a life of ease – (instruction, training, correction, persecution - 12:4-11; Rom. 5:1-5; 1 Pet. 1:6-9; James 5:7-11)
  - ◆ Not focusing on the present but the future reward – (12:10,11; 2 Cor. 4:17)



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**THE OBSTACLE OF DISCOURAGEMENT**  
Overcome by strengthening our souls in  
following God's word – (12-17)

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- ◆ Hardships can lead to discouragement – (12:12; James 5:; 11:53-54; 16:14; 1 Pet. 2:20-25; Mat 10:24)
  - ◆ Drawing strength and direction from God's word – (12:13,14; Job 4:3,4; Prov. 4:18-27)
  - ◆ Reward requires our pursuit of peace and holiness – (12:14; Rom 12:18; 14:19; 1 Pet. 1:3:11; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1; 1:13-21; 1 Pet 1:13-21)

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**THE OBSTACLE OF DISCOURAGEMENT**  
Overcome by strengthening our souls in following God's word – (12-17)




- ◆ Hardships can cause one to fall away – (12:15; 2:1,2; 3:12; 4:1,11; 6:11; 10:23-35)
- ◆ Bitterness can spring up and defile us – (12:15; Josh. 7:25,26; 1 Cor. 5:6; 15:33)
- ◆ The fornicator and worldly person forfeits his reward – and for what? (*the example of Esau selling his birthright* – (12:16,17; 1 Cor. 6:9-11, 15-20; Gal. 5:19-21; 2 Cor. 12:21))



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**THE OBSTACLE OF TEMPORAL VISION**  
Overcome through spiritual  
understanding – (18-29)

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- ♦ We have NOT come to Mt. Sinai, but Mt. Zion, (*the church*) – (12:18-23; Phili 3:20; Luke 17:21; John 18:36)
  - ♦ We have come to Jesus, the mediator of the N.C. – (12:24; 7:22; 8:6-8; 1 Pet. 1:18-21)
  - ♦ We must harken to the words of Him who speaks - (12:25-29; 1:1-3; 2:1-3; 8:5; Mat 17:5; 25:35; 2 Pet. 3:10,11)

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**THE OBSTACLE OF TEMPORAL VISION**  
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## **Hebrews 12:28-29 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. <sup>29</sup> For our God is a consuming fire.

Dan. 2:44; Luke 1:33; Col. 1:13; Rev 1:5,6; 1 Pet. 1:4,5; 2:5; John 4:24; 1 Pet 1:17; 2 Thes 1:8



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- ♦ **The obstacle of distractions** – overcome by focusing on Jesus – (1,2)
- ♦ **The obstacle of resistance** – overcome by understanding the nature of our trouble – (3-11)
- ♦ **The obstacle of despair** – overcome by strengthening our faith and hope – (12-17)
- ♦ **The obstacle of temporal vision** – overcome by spiritual understanding – (18-29)

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- ◆ **Are you allowing ANYTHING to keep you from serving God as you should?**
- ◆ **Requires self discipline, courage, faith and hope!**
- ◆ **Are you even in the race?**
- ◆ **Have you entered but fallen?**



# *“Let Us Run With Endurance The Race That Is Set Before Us”*

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)

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- A silhouette of a person running on a beach at sunset. The runner is on the left side of the frame, moving towards the right. The background is a warm, orange-hued sky and sea, with the runner's reflection visible in the water.
- <sup>1</sup>Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- <sup>2</sup>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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.





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