

## **The Epistle to the Hebrews**

Hebrews 11:1-40

- Questions

1. How does the author define faith (11:1)?
2. What did men of old (men of the OT) receive because of their faith (11:2)?
3. What do Christians understand by faith regarding the creation of the world (11:3)?
4. How did Abel demonstrate his faith and what did he receive from God (11:4)?
5. How did Enoch demonstrate his faith and what did he receive (11:5)?
6. Why is faith necessary and what must one believe (11:6)?
7. How did Noah demonstrate his faith (11:7)?
8. How did Abraham demonstrate his faith (11:8-10)?
9. How did Sarah demonstrate her faith (11:11-12)?
10. What was not received by these men and women of faith and why (11:13; see also 11:39)?
11. What “better” thing were these men and women seeking (11:14-16)?
12. How did Abraham demonstrate his faith when he was tested regarding Isaac (11:17-19)?
13. How did Isaac and Jacob demonstrate their faith (11:20-21)?
14. How did Joseph demonstrate his faith (11:22)?
15. How did Moses’ parents (11:23) and Moses demonstrate their faith (11:24-28)?

16. How did the Israelites demonstrate their faith (11:29-30)?
17. How did Rahab demonstrate her faith (11:31)?
18. What nine things were accomplished by the great faith of OT men and women (11:32-34)?
19. What afflictions were endured by the great faith of OT men and women (11:35-38)?
20. What was and was not received by the faithful of the OT period (11:39)?
21. What do Christians have that make the OT faithful perfect or complete (11:40; see 9:15; 10:14; 12:23)?

- Digging Deeper

1. What connection does Hebrew 11 have with Hebrews 10:32-39, especially 10:39?
2. Where in the OT did the patriarchs “confess” that they were sojourners (11:13) and how did Moses esteem “the reproach of Christ” some 1400 years before Christ came (11:26)?
3. What are the “better” things listed in the book of Hebrews up to this point (11:40)?

- Applications for Today

1. Faith is not a “blind leap in the dark”, but rather an assurance and conviction based upon the substance and the evidence of God’s word (Heb. 11:1; Rom. 10:17; 2 Cor. 4:18-5:7).
2. The world was created by God’s word, not by a naturalistic “big bang” followed by billions of years of macro-evolution (Heb. 11:3; Gen. 1:1; Psa. 33:6-9; 148:5).
3. The world may not care about a Christian, but the one who has the right kind of faith will receive God’s “witness” or divine approval (Heb. 11:2,4,5,39; 2 Tim. 2:19).
4. We need to live in faith and die in (according to) faith (11:13; 1 Thess. 4:14; Rev. 14:13).
5. We, like Moses, must be willing to suffer “the reproach of Christ”; that is, suffer as Christ suffers (11:26; 2 Cor. 1:5; 4:10; Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24).
6. The “faith unto the saving of the soul” (10:39) is a faith that is active and obedient to God’s word; it is not “faith only” (Heb. 11:4ff; Rom. 1:5; 16:26; Gal. 5:6; 1 Thess. 1:3; Jas. 2:25).