

Hebrews Part Two

Lesson #16, Chapter 11:1-7

Before you begin your study, stop and ask the Lord for His help to apply His Word to your life.

1. What is the connecting thought or idea between 10:39 and 11:1?
2. How does the author define faith in verse 1?
3. Define these two synonymous words: *assurance* (KJV *substance*, NIV *being sure* [Strong's #5287]) and *conviction* (KJV *evidence*, NIV *certain* [Strong's #1650]).
4. How did these "men of old" mentioned in verse 2 gain approval? See verse 1.
5. Doesn't verse 2 just make you perk up a bit? The men of old were not super-saints. They were fallible, just like us, yet they gained God's approval. How does that make the information in verse 1 all the more important to pay attention to and understand, since we desire to be pleasing to God as well?
6. What do we understand "by faith" according to verse 3?
7. Explain what "so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible" means according to verses 1-3.

8. What did Abel do by faith (verse 4)?

9. What do you learn about Abel according to Gen. 4:1-8, 25; Matt. 23:35; Heb. 11:4; 12:24; 1 Jn. 3:11-12?

10. Based on what you have learned from Heb. 11:1-4, why was Abel's sacrifice considered better than Cain's? See also Heb. 4:2.

11. How do Abel, and men like him, still speak to us? See Heb. 11:4 and 12:1.

12. How can that be an encouragement to you as you continue on your journey to Heaven?

13. What happened to Enoch according to verse 5? See also Gen. 5:18-24 and Jude 14-15.

14. What was Enoch's secret to pleasing God? See verse 6.

15. What must *you* exhibit in your heart and life in order to please God?

16. According to verse 6 what two things do you need to believe about God?

- a. Do *you* really believe those two things about God?
 - b. How is it manifested in your life?
 - c. What is at stake if you don't believe those two things about God? See Jn. 3:16-18; Heb. 3:12; 4:2.
 - d. If you struggle with unbelief, what do you need to do so you can think rightly about Him?
17. How does the Lord reward those who seek Him? See Ps. 9:10; Jer. 29:13; Luke 11:10; Col. 3:24.
18. How did Noah show his faith in God according to verse 7? What attitude accompanied this action?
19. Noah's faith in action, and his attitude while going about it, are an example to us! Consider your responses to the Lord each day. Does your faith look like Noah's? What steps may be necessary for you to "tweak," so your response matches Noah's faithful example?
20. What did God warn Noah about? See Gen. 6:13-22.

21. How did Noah condemn the world? See 1 Pet. 3:20 and 2 Pet. 2:5.

22. Why is this discussion on faith a crucial building block in the author's argument to his Hebrew readers to place their hope in Christ, rather than return to the Old Testament law system?

23. *Without faith it is impossible to please Him.* When do you need to live by faith? What is the *opposite* of living by faith? Do you ever live that way? What truths from this lesson can you implement, so you do live by a faith that is pleasing to God?

“Faith does not ask for any other evidence than for the written Word of God.”

Author unknown

For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, YOU MAY RECEIVE WHAT WAS PROMISED. For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. But MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; and if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH TO THE PRESERVING OF THE SOUL.

Heb. 10:36-39