

Seeking the Kingdom

Seek first His Kingdom

Mat 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Christ's Ambassadors

(2 Cor 5:20 NIV) We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

The Cloud

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 11:1-16

1.) What do we know about Abel?

He was a righteous man

Younger Brother

(Gen 4:2 NIV) Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.

God favored Abel's offering

(Gen 4:3-4 NIV) In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,

You must master it

(Gen 4:6-7 NIV) Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

Abel was righteous

(1 John 3:12 NIV) Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.

Abel was the first Martyr

(Mat 23:35 NIV) And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

He still speaks

(Heb 11:4 NIV) By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

Abel's Example:

A religion that comes from the heart

Jesus' sacrifice is better

(Heb 12:24 NIV) to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

2.) What do we know about Enoch?

He did not die

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(Heb 11:5 NIV) By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

Enoch walked with God

(Gen 5:22 NIV) And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

(Gen 5:24 NIV) Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

What does God require?

(Micah 6:8 NIV) He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Enoch was a prophet

(Jude 1:14-15 NIV) Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Enoch was an example of faith

(Heb 11:6 NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Enoch's Example:

He walked with God

3.) Who was Noah?

By faith he built an Ark

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(Heb 11:7 NIV) By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Noah walked with God

(Gen 6:9 NIV) This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

Noah found favor with God

(Gen 6:8 NIV) But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah obeyed God

(Gen 6:22 NIV) Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

(Gen 7:5 NIV) And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.

Noah was a preacher

(2 Pet 2:5 NIV) if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;

Noah's Example:

Noah stood alone against society

4.) What do we know about Abraham?

Father of all believers .

Abraham didn't know where he was going

(Heb 11:8-10 NIV) By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Abraham's Example:

Abraham obeyed God

5.) What do we know about Sarah?

She conceived a child in her old age.

By Faith

(Heb 11:11-12 NIV) By faith Abraham, even though he was past age--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Sarah conceived

(Hebrews 11:11 ESV) By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

Don't give way to fear

(1 Pet 3:6 NIV) like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

Sarah's example:

She believed God is faithful to His
promise

CONCLUSION