

Without Faith You Cannot Please God

Hebrews Pt 11

Heb 10:32-35 But recall the former days

.....you endured a **hard struggle**

.....exposed to **reproach** and **affliction**

.....you joyfully accepted the **plundering of your property**

.....since you knew you had a **better possession** and an abiding one. Therefore **do not throw away your confidence**, which has a great reward

Heb 10:36-37 For you have need of **endurance**, so that when you have **done the will of God** you may receive what is **promised**. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;

Heb 10:38-39 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 and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Heb 11:2 For by it the people of old received their commendation.

Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

Heb 11:5-6 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Noah - God warned him about the flood; he built the ark

Abraham - God said "Go"; he left without knowing

Abraham - God said "Offer Isaac"; he obeyed even though it contradicted the promise

Moses' parents - They defied Pharaoh's edict (implied divine leading)

Moses - He chose God's people over Egypt based on God's promises and future reward

Abel: Understood the sacrifice that pleased God.

Enoch: Believed God exists and rewards those who seek Him.

Abraham & Sarah: Believed God's impossible promise.

Abraham: Went not knowing, lived as a stranger, awaiting the city God would build.

Isaac, Jacob, Joseph: Blessed their children based on God's future promises for Israel.

Joseph: Believed God's promise about the exodus from Egypt.

Moses - Saw the invisible God and believed in His power over Pharaoh

Israelites - Trusted God would part the Red Sea and collapse Jericho's walls

Rahab - Heard what God did and believed He would give Israel the land

Judges & David - Believed God would give them victory over enemies

The suffering saints - Believed God's promise of resurrection and "a better resurrection"

Heb 12:1-4 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of **witnesses**, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (2) **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.