

A Faith That Pleases God

Hebrews 11:1-7

Introduction:

As Christians we hear the word faith a lot. What does it mean? What does it look like? Well today we are going to find the answer to both of these questions. Are you ready for the faith test? How do you measure up? Lets look in Hebrews 11:1-7

Scripture:

11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. 7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

key Points:

1. Faith explained. (1-3)
2. Faith in Action.(4-7)

Body:

1. Faith Explained.
 - a. Faith is confidence about things hoped for, such as..
 - i. The coming of our Lord - Tit 2:13
 - ii. The resurrection of the dead - Ac 24:15
 - b. Faith is conviction about things we have not seen, such as...
 - i. The existence of God:
 - (1) 1Ti 6:16
 - ii. How the world began:
 - (1) Gen 1:3
 - (2) we are convinced that God exists because we are convinced that HIS word (The Bible)is true because we can see HIS creation as explained by HIS word.
2. Faith in action
 - a. Faith as worshipping
 - i. Able gave God his best
 - (1) God no longer requires us to give a sacrifice but HE still requires

us to give HIM our best in worship.

- (a) What is our worship?
 - (i) Singing praises to God.
 - (ii) Tithes and offerings.
 - 1) We are to give back to God what is rightfully HIS and that is all we have.
- (2) Faith in our walk
 - (a) Enoch walked with God.
 - (i) Gen. 5:21-24
- (3) Faith in our work.
 - (a) Noah built an ark
 - (i) It had never rained before but God told Noah to build an ark and as he did people thought he was crazy for doing it.
 - (ii) As we go about doing Gods work people are going to think we are crazy
 - 1) People these days think we are crazy for going to church
 - 2) People think we are crazy for praying to some one we cant see.
 - (iii) we will face all of these things and more but we can't let them deter us from living for God, People are watching make sure that they see the Christ who died for you on the cross.

It is this faith that leads to salvation and pleases God.

Conclusion:

Is your faith leading you into action? Is your faith weak? Is your faith pleasing to God? No matter what your answers are to these questions we all struggle with this word faith. Today is the day that we turn it over to God and live a life that is filled with unwavering faith.