

The Believers' Common Friends: Faith (Part 2)

The Journey of Faith!

Hebrews 11: 1-6

Faith is our common Friend and without Faith we would have no way to please God.

But how does this Faith Journey work? Prior to this chapter 11, Chapter 10 is challenging the Jews to Trust Jesus because He was capable of everything that He had said. But here is the How to and the reasons why we can!

Now Faith is –

Substance – 5287 – Confidence/Ground or foundation of things hoped for – 1679 – To hope, expect with desire (I hope so). Therefore, Faith is the confidence or foundation of our hopes and desires...

- Jesus has become the sacrifice, once for all.
- We now can boldly come before the Lord into the Holies
- Let us draw near with a true heart
- Let us never draw back (Chapter 10: 23)
- Let us promote one another (Chapter 10: 24)
- Cast not away your confidence (Chapter 10: 35)
- The Just shall live by faith (Chapter 10: 38)
- But we are not of them who draw back (Chapter 10: 39)

How does Faith work?

By it – the elders obtained a good report (Chapter 11: 2)

Through it – we understand (Chapter 11: 3)

By it (Abel) – declared – offered unto God (Faith Gives to God its heart's Declaration)

What did the sacrifice that Abel gave God say about His belief system in God as to whom He (God) was to him?

A. Abel brought the firstling of His flock!

B. Abel offered in Faith – Hebrews 11: 6 believing that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him! Hebrews 11: 4 God testifying of his **gift** – **1435** – the word here is gift but denotes a gift acquainted with **honor**

By the lack of it (Cain) – declared – Offered God a sacrifice Genesis 4: 3 He brought his offering to God... offering – 4503 – gift. He gave God a gift!

Then comes ENOCH

By Faith Enoch – Declared – and was translated that he should not see death/ and was not found/ because God translated him, for before his translation he declared... (Chapter 11:4-5)

Enoch is referenced 9 times in the Bible:

Genesis 5: 18 – He was born

Genesis 5: 19 – Jared lived after he begot Enoch 162 years

Genesis 5: 21 – Enoch lived 65 years and begot Methuselah

Genesis 5: 22 – And Enoch walked with God after he begot Methuselah 300 years.

Genesis 5: 23 – All the days of Enoch was 365 years

Genesis 5: 24 – And Enoch walked with God and he was not; for God took him.

Enoch was Methuselah's dad and Noah's Great Grandfather! Methuselah and Lamech, then Noah!

Luke 3: 37 declaring His lineage in the line of the Messiah Jesus.

Hebrews 11: 5 here in Hebrews – an example of what Faith can do... He pleased the LORD.

Jude 1: 14 He was seventh from Adam and prophesied of the Lord's future return.

Enoch declares the relationship with God that could be had if we walk with God in a way that pleases Him...

But

Without faith it is impossible to please Him... because He that comes to Him must believe that He is and that, He rewards the pursuing servant! Hebrews 11: 6

Questions:

- 1. Does God have Favorites?**
- 2. How can I become one of the Favored Friends of God?**

John 15: 14 ye are my Friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends

- 3. What is the benefit of being His friend?**

John 15: 15 b "...for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you."

You are in on throne-room discussions!