

"A Father's Legacy"
Hebrews 11:1-7
Father's Day June 19, 2011

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Matt 6:9

I Corinthians 11:7

The Theme of the Book of Hebrews – "Let us press on to maturity"

Key Verse – Heb 6:1

Written By – Probably By The Apostle Paul

Written To – Jewish believers

Jer 12:5

1. Verses 1-3 – Faith's Description

2. Verses 4-7 – Faith's Demonstration

1. Verses 1-3 – Faith's Description:

Heb 11:1-2

"Now faith is" – This is not a definition of faith but a description of what faith does and how it works.

Abel – offered, Noah – prepared, Abraham – offered, Moses – left Egypt.

Biblical Faith – "confident obedience to God's Word in spite of emotions, circumstances, and consequences"

How Does True Bible Faith Work? – (4 Characteristics)

1. True Bible Faith Involves Revelation – The Word of God, the assurance (substance); "a setting or placing under, foundation, firm trust"

God's Word Is The Foundation to Support Us!

Heb 1:1-2

Heb 12:25

2. True Bible Faith Involves Relationship – Knowing God

Relationship should have as its goal to please God – Heb 11:6

Relationship is Fellowship with God –

Relationship is Seeking God – Heb 11:6

3. True Bible Faith Involves Response – Heb 11:1-2

4. True Bible Faith Involves Reward – Heb 11:6

Heb 11:1 – The word conviction – (evidence) – Speaks of “an inward conviction”; We know!

Col 3:15

Heb 11:3

John 7:17

2. Verses 4-7 – Faith’s Demonstration: 3 Men of Faith

1. Verse 4 – Abel – A Faith That Worships: Heb 11:4

Gen 4:3-8

The difference was “Faith”; Cain was a non-believer and Able was a believer! (Cain was religious but not righteous)

Heb 11:4 – “better sacrifice” – Literally “more sacrifice”

Matt. 23:35

1 John 3:12

Cain Wanted Religion Not Righteousness. Jude 1:11

Able Offered A Sacrifice By Faith: Gen. 4:4

Abel’s Message For Father’s Day – A Worshipper Of Jesus Will Suffer, Jesus Is The Only Sacrifice That God Will Accept:

2. Verses 5-6 – Enoch – A Faith That Walks: Heb 11:5

Antediluvian – “Before the deluge” (Flood)

Gen. 6:5

Gen. 6:11-13

1. Enoch Believed In God: Heb 11:6

2. Enoch Walked With God: Gen 5:21-22

And Enoch walked with God; To walk (lifestyle, habitual action) in obedience to God through His Word, following the Lord, in fellowship and partnership with God.

Methuselah – “When he dies, it will come”; What will come?

Gen 5:23-24

If You Walk with God You Can Then Speak For God: Jude 14-15

Enoch – called “sin-sin” 4X the word “ungodly”

3. Enoch Pleas'd God: Heb 11:5

4. Enoch Went To Be With God: Gen. 5:24

1 Cor 15:51-52

Heb 11:6

Enoch's Message For Father's Day – Fathers, No Matter How Difficult Life Is, You Can Walk With God:

3. Verse 7 – Noah – A Faith That Works: Heb 11:7

1. Noah Believed God's Warning: “By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen,” (The mind)

2. Noah Was Moved With Fear: “in reverence” (The heart)

3. Noah Built The Ark By Faith: “prepared an ark” (The will)

1 Peter 3:20

2 Peter 2:5

The Results of Noah's Faith:

His Faith Saved An Entire Family: Heb 11:7

His Faith Indicted The Whole World: "by which he condemned the world,"

Noah's Faith Inherited The Whole Blessing: "and became an heir"

2 Peter 2:5

Noah's Message For Father's Day – Don't Be Discouraged Because of Numbers, Because God's Judgment Is Based Upon Faithfulness:

Application:

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