

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"Faith In Action"
Hebrews 11:4-7
Study-25

True Biblical Faith Is – "confident obedience to God's Word in spite of circumstances and consequences."

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Faith Involves Receiving God's Word, Believing God's Word, And Then Obediently Acting Upon God's Word."

1. Verse 4 – Abel Worshiping By Faith

2. Verses 5-6 – Enoch Walking By Faith

3. Verse 7 – Noah Working By Faith

1. Verse 4 – Abel Worshiping By Faith:

Hebrews 11:4

"By faith" – just spoke about; was a description of faith, Hebrews 11:1-3.

"By faith Abel" – He now goes back to the second son of Adam.

Genesis 4:3-8

Why Did Cain Kill Abel?

1 John 3:12

Abel Offered A Sacrifice By Faith: "By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice" – Literally "greater, more important." Why was Abel's Better? By faith offered to God.

Genesis 4:4

The Character Of Abel: Genesis 4:4 – "LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;" Matthew 23:35.

Hebrews 11:4

Matthew 23:35 – "Righteous Abel"

1 John 3:12 – "Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous."

Matthew 5:20 – External Works Versus Internal.

Why Did Abel Need Righteousness? Genesis 3:21

Hebrews 9:22

Cain Wanted Religion Not Righteousness. Jude 1:11

A Worshiping Faith Is A Witnessing Faith: “through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.” Hebrews 12:24

The sacrifice of Christ is the better sacrifice, which is the only one that God will accept.

Genuine Faith Is A Worshiping Faith: Faith Produces Authentic Worship, Which Gives God What He Wants With All Of One’s Heart.

2. Verse 5-6 – Enoch Walking By Faith:

Hebrews 11:5

Enoch Walked With God: Genesis 5:21-22

“And Enoch walked with God;” – What does that mean? Walking in agreement of soul, agreement in obedience to His Word, fellowship with God, a life characterized by loving God! (NLT) Amos 3:3

1 Corinthians 1:21 – God begins with nature, Romans 1:19-20.

Enoch, God’s First Preacher: prophesied, proclaimed, preached.

Jude 14-15

He called sin, sin. We see 4X the term “ungodly”.

Genesis 5:21-22

Methuselah – “When he dies, it will come”

Enoch Went To Be With God: Genesis 5:24 – Note 3X it says “God took him up”! Hebrews 11:5

2 Kings 2:11; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Enoch Pleased God: Hebrews 11:5

Why Was Enoch Taken Up? Because of his faith. "By faith Enoch was taken up" – because he was pleasing to the Lord; "he was pleasing to God."

Hebrews 11:6

Faith begins with the basic essential truth that there is a true and living God! – "for he who comes to God must believe that He is"

Psalm 46:10

"and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." – God's promise.

Romans 14:23

The Message To The Hebrew Christians And Us: Christ Might Come For Us In The Midst Of Our Afflictions. We Should Therefore Walk In Obedience And In Anticipation Of His Imminent Return.

3. Verse 7 – Noah Working By Faith:

Hebrews 11:7

Genesis 6:5

Genesis 6:11-13

Genesis 6:9

Romans 1:16-17

Philippians 3:9

Noah Believed God's Warning: "By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen," (The Mind).

Noah Was Moved With Fear: "in reverence" – "reverential awe, sweet reverence, a warm heart towards God", (The Heart).

Hebrew 5:7

By Faith Noah Built The Ark: "prepared an ark" – (The Will) Genesis 6:15.

1 Peter 3:20

2 Peter 2:5

3 Results Of Noah's Faith:

- 1. Noah Saved His Family:** "for the salvation of his household,"

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

- 2. Noah Condemned The World:** "by which he condemned the world,"

2 Peter 2:5

- 3. Noah Became An Heir Of Righteousness:** "and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."

Matthew 24:37-39

The Message Of Noah Working By Faith: Faith Believes God's Word, Desires To Be Pleasing To God; By Faith We Work And Stay Faithful To God Until The Task Of God Is Complete.

Application:

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