

Hebrews

Lesson 18: Living By Faith

Hebrews 11:1-22

1. Hebrews chapter ten concludes with the declaration that “the just shall live by faith” (10:38). How many times does the phrase “by faith” occur in Hebrews chapter eleven?
2. What is faith? (11:1)
 - Are the things that we hope for things that we have seen? (Romans 8:24)
3. What did the elders obtain by faith? (11:2)
4. What do we understand by faith? (11:3; Psalm 33:6, 9)
5. To what did Abel obtain witness by offering a sacrifice of faith? (11:4)
 - Since Abel offered his sacrifice “by faith,” and since faith comes from hearing God’s word (Romans 10:17), is it reasonable to conclude that God had communicated with Abel concerning the kind of sacrifice that would be pleasing to Him?
6. What testimony did Enoch receive before he was taken away? (11:5)
 - Is it *possible* to please God without faith? (11:6)
 - What two things must one who comes to God believe?
7. Had Noah seen the things that God warned him would occur? (11:7)
 - With what did Noah move as he prepared the ark?
 - For what purpose did Noah prepare an ark?
 - Noah became an heir of righteousness according to what?
8. What did Abraham not know when God called Him to go to the place that he would be given as an inheritance? (11:8)
9. What reason is given in Hebrews 11:10 for Abraham being willing to dwell as a foreigner in the land that God had promised to give him?
10. What did Sarah consider to be true about God that gave her strength to conceive and bear a child in her old age? (11:11)
 - As a consequence of Sarah’s faith, what came from one man who was as good as dead? (11:12)
11. Even though these great people of faith died without receiving the promises, did they believe the promises to be true? (11:13)
 - What did they confess?
 - They said this because they were seeking what? (11:14)
 - If they had wanted to go back to their earthly homeland, could they have gone? (11:15)
 - Because they desire a better country, of what is God not ashamed? (11:16)
 - What has He prepared for them? (cf. Revelation 21:2)
12. What did Abraham do by faith “when he was tested”? (11:17)
 - What had Abraham been told about Isaac? (11:18; cf. Genesis 17:19)
 - What did Abraham conclude that God was able to do? (11:19)
13. Isaac, Jacob and Joseph all said things “by faith” that related to the future of their descendents. Explain how their actions illustrate the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1?