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Hebrews Chapter 11

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Faith in Action

1Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **2**This is what the ancients were commended for.

This scripture defines Faith for us. It tells us that faith is having confidence that we will receive what we hope for and to have assurance, which is basically another word for confidence that we will obtain that which we cannot currently physically see.

3By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Verse 3 tells us that this is how God created the entire universe. He did not go and gather things from some other universe to build this universe. He used His confidence that what he wanted to create would be created.

4By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

If you are not familiar with the story of Cain and Abel, you can read about it in Genesis 4. In summary, Cain killed his brother Abel because he was jealous of his

brother because God commended his brother Abel for the offering Abel brought God but God did not have favor for the offering Cain brought.

The bible does not tell us if or how the brothers were to know what type offering they were supposed to bring God. Did Abel just luck up and select an offering that God liked? Not likely! Therefore, we know just from logic that in order for them to have knowledge of what to bring, it had to be communicated to them either verbally or perhaps non-verbally or spiritually.

I believe that Abel sought to know and understand God. As a result, He had a relationship and spiritual connection with God, which gave Abel the knowledge and the confidence to obey God and bring God just what God wanted.

I believe the next two scriptures support this belief.

5By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.”^a For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. **6**And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

We even must have faith and confidence to believe in a God that we cannot see in order to enter into a relationship with Him. This is why it is impossible to please or even know God without faith.

7By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

Enoch and Noah mentioned right after the story and the scripture about Cain and Abel were two men who were highly favored by God because of their faith and obedience. Obedience is very, very important because faith without action or works is dead as James 2:17 tells us.

8By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. **9**By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10**For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **11**And by faith even

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Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^b considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

It was by obedience to God that I started my Kingdom Knowledge blog. I first built several blogs about other interests I had with the intent to build them into online businesses to make money. When God spoke to me via the spirit and said: “What about me?” Are you not going to build a blog, a Facebook page, Twitter account, etc. to exalt me?

I immediately got to work on building a blog and social media platforms to do just that. After I built them, I found myself consumed with working on the Kingdom Knowledge platforms. I stopped working on the blogs and social media channels that I created before I created Kingdom Knowledge and even now it’s all about KKMinistry.com.

Anyway, Verse 13 is a very interesting verse that reads:

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

You see for these people, according to the scripture, earth was not their home and the bible tells us to be in the world but not of the world. – John 15:19

Verse 14:

¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”^c ¹⁹Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

I would just like to point out that by the time Abraham was told by God to sacrifice Isaac, His faith was pretty high because he had already seen God work a miracle by just the fact that he and his very elderly wife was able to conceive a child.

Nonetheless, this was a test to see if Abraham's faith, love and obedience to God were stronger than his love for his one and only son and if Abraham believed God when God told him that he would be the Father of many nations through his Son Isaac who God said he would establish a covenant with. – Genesis 12:1-4

20By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

21By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

22By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

23By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Notice by faith Moses parents were able to see that Moses was not an ordinary child, so they were not afraid of the kings ruling that every male child be killed because they knew via their relationship with God and a revelation from God that Moses would not be killed. He was special. God appointed.

24By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. **25**He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

It is important to note here that Moses' choice was really a choice to remain true to God over worldly material things.

26He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. **27**By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. **28**By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Verse 27 states that Moses did not fear the king's anger because he saw him who

is invisible. This of course is referring to God. How can one see an invisible God? We see God through His works when he tells us that he is going to do something via the spirit and then he does it and you know that it is Him because no one else could have done this thing but Him. This is what happens when we establish a relationship with God and every time we have an experience like this with God, our faith is increased. This is one of the reasons that God allows us to go through test and trials. It is so that we are reminded that we need Him and to give Him the opportunity to show us that He is God and we only need to depend on Him.

29By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

30By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

31By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.^d

This is another great example of the power of faith and obedience. A prostitute's life was spared because she stepped out on faith and took in spies

32And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, **33**who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, **34**quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

Verse 35 tells us how some were raised from the dead, but it also mentioned that there were others who had faith but suffered greatly.

35Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. **36**Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. **37**They were put to death by stoning;^e they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— **38**the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

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39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised,

Although “the others” as the scripture refers to them obviously experience persecution by the world, they were commended for their faith nonetheless though they have not received what they were promised yet. I say yet because verse 40, the last verse in this study tells me that God has something better for them and for us and we all will receive it at the same time which will be a time when we all will be made perfect.

40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

In Conclusion

In Revelation 3:20 tell us that Jesus said: Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Jesus is invited all of us whom He loves so much to seek Him and if you do He will come into your heart and establish a relationship with you. However, the only way anyone will make the effort to seek Him is if they have faith or they believe that He in fact exist. This is why without faith it is impossible to please God.

God gives us spiritual revelation and guidance once we know Him and as a result our relationship with Him our faith is strengthened. The closer and the better we get to know Him by way of His word, the stronger our faith becomes.

Ephesians 3:20 states: Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. My friends that power is faith. God is able to do all things relative to our ability to believe in Him, trust in Him and being obedient to Him.

Once you establish a true relationship with God, He will bless you with all that you ask for because all that you ask for will be in lockstep with what His purpose is for you because you surrendered your life to Him so in your prayers you qualify whatever you ask for with not my will but your will be done Lord.

This is real faith and trust in God that allows us to have the great power that comes with the Grace of God in addition to eternal life as a result of being in a relationship with the Father and Creator of the entire universe.

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