

SESSION 24

HEBREWS 11.1-7

Context: The Author's exhortation that confidence in the ministry of Jesus on behalf of the believer in the heavenly tabernacle before God affords the believer spiritual endurance, the capacity to do the will of God and therefore receive His promised salvation.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

To understand that faith in God, that He exists and is faithful in keeping His promises, pleases Him, thus affording the believer the righteousness of Christ Jesus and eternal salvation.

V1 In defining what faith is, what two aspects of it does the Author include in his definition?

How do we understand conviction?

What is overcome and conquered through conviction?

V6 What is this verse saying specifically about faith and the believer's relationship to God and why is this so?

"For the very being of God Himself is the supreme unseen reality with which faith has to do (awareness of God) and His faithful fulfillment of His promises and His certain rewarding of those who seek Him (assurance of God's trustworthiness) are the great future good for which faith hopes." AB Stibbs

What is the origin of faith and how does faith come into existence?

Revelation***FAITH***Confidence***FAITH***Endurance***FAITH*** Glory

V2 What is faith's greatest benefit to believers? Rom 8.31

Who are the men of old and how does God open salvation to them?

V3 How does faith reveal the origin of the universe?

Gen 1.1

Jn 1.1-3

Col 1.16-17
Heb 1.2

Consider verses 4,5, and 7. What wellspring of revelation is the Author drawing upon?

What is the Author seeking to illustrate?

V4 What is revealed by the faith of Abel? Gen 4.4

What is the Author's reflection upon the faith of the individual cast upon the panorama of history?

V5 What is revealed by the faith of Enoch? Gen 3.24

V7 What is revealed by the faith of Noah? Gen 7.1

How is your soul impacted by these men of old as they received revelation from God, had confidence in God, obediently endured the trials of their time in history, and are now seated with Christ in Glory and with true believers from every age in the eternal fellowship of the Trinity?