

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

THEME - JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.
A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 11:1-3

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE ONLY KIND OF FAITH THAT WORKS.

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.
In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the Law, being the centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

rest, hope, promises, oaths, immutability, blessings. Gods' faithfulness.

Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **2** For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

**If - in the scriptures, there are those moments in time
when there is an experience, an encounter with God – an experience,
that life-altering-moment has always resulted in transformation.**

Exodus 3:5

Then God said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your **sandals** off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

**The first 3 verses of this lofty chapter
serves as a Preamble to where**

the apostle is taking us regarding the fact that faith is something very tangible, very observable and very dynamic - contrary to popular belief that faith is some ethereal, invisible and almost good-for-nothing type of wishful thinking, But Hebrews Chapter 11, gives argument, evidence and proof of the exact opposite.

Stephen Preached His One and Only Sermon with Effect

Acts 7:30-33

“And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai. **31** When Moses saw *it*, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him, **32** saying, “*I am the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.*” And Moses trembled and dared not look. **33** “*Then the LORD said to him, ‘Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.*”

Joshua 5:13-15

And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “*Are You for us or for our adversaries?*” **14** So He said, “*No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.*” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “*What does my Lord say to His servant?*” **15** Then the Commander of the LORD’S army said to Joshua, “*Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.*” And Joshua did so.

It is also a fact that

Hebrews Chapter 11 answers that great debate between the salvation of an individual being by faith or is it being by works.

This remarkable Chapter will answer in a very powerful way with crystal clear insight into what it means to be an actual, faith-based individual versus someone who claims Spirituality.

Faith plays a constant role in your life and mine, and at all times.

God our Father has made all things depend on faith so that whoever has faith will have everything, and whoever does not have faith will have nothing.

Martin Luther.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him,

Habakkuk 2:4

the just shall live by his faith.

THE ONLY KIND OF FAITH THAT WORKS

1.) Is a faith founded upon the facts

vs. 1-3

1a.) Is Faith Present?

vs. 1

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Right from the beginning, let's establish this Trinity of Truth.

#1

One is the argument from the book of Romans that we are justified by faith alone and that is in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

#2

And from the book of James, James argues that a man is justified by his works that are done in Christ.

#3

And here in the book of Hebrews 11, both faith and works are seen glued together and declared to be inseparable. You cannot have one without the other. Where there is one, there, the other will be, and where the other is, there, the other one will be.

Faith

grk: pistis:

a pledge, proof, placing a reliance upon, dependence upon, that which is ascribed to be one's proof or where one places their assurance.

Substance

grk: hupostasis;

support, substance, steadiness, the foundation, hence the result of assurance and confidence.

Evidence

grk: elegchos:

a proven, tested conviction. facts that support the claim or the existence of an argument. "having passed the acid test"

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Fact or Fiction? - - Ponder That One For a Moment if You Need To

Psalm 27:13

I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

That is one of the most remarkable statements of fact and reality that you'll ever know. "If we walked by sight only, we wouldn't live long. But to walk by faith, that is to walk knowing."

2 Corinthians 4:18

While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

From the world of **atomic elements**, to the **spiritual realm**, to **physical life**.

From **physical life**, to **spiritual realities**, to the world of **atomic elements**.

All of it is The Signature of God and is Evidence.

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IS A FAITH FOUNDED UPON THE FACTS

1b.) Is Faith Effectual?

vs. 2

Hebrews 11:2

For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

Elders

grk: presbuteros;

The experienced patriarch or matriarch. the men and women of the Bible, who by faith persevered - those who grew up and progressed on in their faith to the very end.

Testimony

grk: martureo:

to bear witness, to testify of. to stand by an oath and give a reason for your belief or position in life (issues)

“This is what Jesus Christ has done for me”

There is a prevailing lie that is constant in the hearts and minds of men. And that is that faith is some ridiculous, uninformed, or willfully ignorant non-reality.

In fact, this lie is so prevalent, That it has been spun up into some form of security blanket for the atheist.

It is the atheist who will say;

**“I don't believe in faith or God,
I believe in facts and Science.”**

Professor U. R. A. Fool

Psalm 14:1

The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

This is why the World is not, nor can be wise!
You can educate the world, but you cannot make the world wise.
Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge.

James 3:14-16

But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. **15** This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. **16** For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

Romans 1:18-24a

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, **21** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man - and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. **24a** Therefore God also gave them up

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1c.) Is Faith Factual?

vs. 3

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Hebrews 1:3

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

By faith we **understand** that the worlds were framed

There is no other reasonable explanation for the existence of Space, Time, and Matter apart from the engineering of God.

Understand grk: noieo
to exercise the mind toward knowledge, to stretch the mind, the quest or journey to discover, to observe, study and to know how. AND WHY. (that which drives the mind of man to invent or to create an answer to an issue whether positive or negative)

Worlds grk: aion:
space of time, ages, the commencement of the ancient times through to the course of the end of time,

Framed grk: katartizo:
to structure, make complete, having prepared or planned out; —

Verse 3

that the **worlds** were framed by **the word** of God,

Faith and works should travel side by side, step answering to step, like the legs of men walking. First faith, and then works; and then faith again, and then works again -- until they can scarcely distinguish which is the one and which is the other.

General William Booth

**“We must come to the conclusion that faith is anything but idle.
There is no such thing as a faith that does not produce evidence of its own existence
and its purpose.”**

“A car was designed to move. You can put a car in idle,

but idleness was not its intended purpose. It is literally impossible for faith to idle or to be still.
Faith must be in action for it to be faith at all.”

Verse 3

so that the things which are seen were not made of things
which are visible.

Matthew 10:29-31

Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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