

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 11:8-12

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE HISTORY OF FAITH

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.

“The History of Faith”

The title ought to challenge you a bit to consider that {The Evidence of Faith} is yet again another testimony / discovery / Fact - that God exists and that we ourselves are not an evolutionary by-product from a series of fortuitous events in the long & tedious story of us coming from the Goo to the Zoo to You being You.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWJ9yIZkS2s>

The Truth is - there are some anchors that we have tied our ship to in this journey of the Christian life.

Anchor Number #1 was...

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.

Anchor Number #2 was...

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him,
for he who comes to God must believe that He is,
and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Which is The Main Proposition of The Chapter - - His Promises...

“By the way, you and I are living out our history of faith. That’s a radical thought because it’s radically simple. Your witness, my witness – is the living breathing testimony of who we are and the message that we are leaving behind. Wherever you and I go is technically the history of our faith.” - me

Everything about us is an issue of Faith.

Faith regarding sight, Faith regarding breath.

Faith regarding food. Faith regarding relationships.

Faith regarding time. Faith regarding our plans.

Hebrews 11:8-12

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; **10** for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. **11** By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. **12** Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude - - innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

Romans 10:17

So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures (faith) might have hope.

THE HISTORY OF FAITH

1.) How can I recognize my faith?

vs. 8a

Hebrews 11:8a

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance.

Obedience / Purpose / Destination / Hope

Like Manna that was needed for the day, the Holy Spirit desires to lead us on a continuous bases.

Personally, I have no doubt that there was what looked like a stubbornness to Abraham because of his resolve to obey God.

Has God Told You Something & You're To Do That Thing?

Acts 18:9-11

Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; **10** for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." **11** And he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

1 Timothy 4:12-16

Let no one despise your youth, (timothy) but be an example to the believers in (1) word, in (2) conduct, in (3) love, in (4) spirit, in (5) faith, in (6) purity. **13** Till I come, (A) give attention to reading, (B) to exhortation, (C) to doctrine. **14** (D) Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. **15** (E) Meditate on these things; (F) give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. **16** (G) Take heed to yourself and (H) to the doctrine. (I) Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

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2.) How do I put my faith into action

vs. 8b

How do I put my faith into action?

Hebrews 11:8b

And he went out, not knowing where he was going

**Look for a need. You have a unique line-of-sight
To something God wants to get done through you.**

Here's a Good New Testament Example

Luke 8:42c-48

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. **43** Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, **44** came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. **45** And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " **46** But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." **47** Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. **48** And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well.

Go in peace."

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3.) What will my faith accomplish?

vs. 9

What will my Faith accomplish?

9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

1st of all – faith is Foundational.

Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the **faith** which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Foundational to your daily stability.

Stability of Your Emotions / Stability in Your Decision Making / Stability in Times of Confusion / Clarity in the Dark / Clarity for the Road / Vision to see His will / Vision to see the Conclusion / Vision to Start and Finish a Work. Empower the Word of God in you / Empower those around you /

2nd of all – faith is Operational.

Mark 2:1-5

And again He entered Capernaum after *some days*, and it was heard that He was in the house. **2** Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. **3** Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. **4** And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. **5** When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

Luke 17:11-19

Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. **12** Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. **13** And they lifted up *their* voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” **14** So when He saw *them*, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. **15** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God. **16** and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. **17** So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? **18** Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” **19** And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

- Faith is not what saves you – It's Jesus Christ!
- Faith is not what heals you – It's Jesus Christ!
- Faith is not what forgives you – It's Jesus Christ!
- Faith is not what performs the miracle – It's Jesus Christ!

Biblical Faith - "It Fits Like a... Glove"

Faith Is Like Putting on Gloves That Gives You a Grip on Jesus Christ and what He desires for your life.

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4.) When is the right time to exercise my faith? vs. 10

10 for he waited for the city which has foundations,
whose builder and maker is God.

This is a most remarkable Commentary from the Holy Spirit here.

Abraham {waited} for {The} City which has (forever) Foundations,
The Builder and Maker is God Himself
(Abe's Home Was Not of This World)

Builder grk: technites
a developer, craftsman, architect, owner-builder.

Maker grk: demiourgos
the creator, master planner, vision builder. (the one who brings into existence that which was thought of) – concept-designer.

Hebrews 3:4

For every house is built by someone,
but He who built all things is God.

Hebrews 13:14

For here we have no continuing city,
but we seek the one to come.

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

John 14:2

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

The Answer is – Always!

When are we not exercising faith? We are to be always ready to discern, detect, sense that this issue or this opportunity is all about faith.

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5.) I can't see any evidence of faith in my life (?) vs. 11

11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

Noticed that Sarah received strength by her faith in Him who is strong.

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait on the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Wait

heb: Qavah

to wait with an eagerness, to wait for with an expectation, to be in a state of waiting while expecting to move into action or to jump into the cause.

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13** looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

An Exhortation

Hebrews 4:1-2

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. **2** For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

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6.) What's the best way for me to grow my faith

vs. 12

Hebrews 11:12

Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude - - innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

Why Do People Work Out?

Because it does so much good in so many ways –
that's what I've heard anyway.

1 Timothy 4:7-9

Reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. **8** For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. **9** This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

This Innumerable is an awesome reminder of what The Future of
History holds instore for us

Our Finishing Here - Starts Our Celebration There.

2 Corinthians 5:6-11

So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. **7** For we walk by faith, not by sight.

8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. **9** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. **11** Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8**

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Selah

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