

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 11:13-16

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE HISTORY OF FAITH – PART 2

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 11:13-16

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. **14** For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. **15** And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

The Lifestyles of the Righteous & Faithful
Able, Enoch, Abraham, Sarah

THE HISTORY OF FAITH

1.) Faith thinks about the future

vs. 13

Hebrews 11:13

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A Practical Application

Luke 19:10-13 KJV

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. **11** And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. **12** He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. **13** *And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.*

THE HISTORY OF FAITH

2.) Faith acts into the future

vs. 14

Hebrews 11:14

For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.

Hebrews 11:8

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.

A Practical Application

Matthew 7:24-25

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: **25** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

THE HISTORY OF FAITH

3.) Faith moves based on the future

vs. 15

And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.

Jeremiah 29:11-12

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth.

A Practical Application

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. **13** Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, **14** I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Luke 9:61-62

And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." **62** But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

THE HISTORY OF FAITH

4.) Faith plans for the future

vs. 16

Hebrews 11:16

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Q1

Why Do We Not Think About Heaven More?

Q2

Why do we often wait until we wake up to the realization of our mortality?

A Practical Application

Isaiah 55:8-9,12

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. **9** "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts., **12** "For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Here We Must Add – A Bonus Point
THE HISTORY OF FAITH

5.) Faith rests upon the future

vs. 16

Hebrews 11:16

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John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.
(do you see that? do you feel that?) I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Q – What’s in store for your future?

Jonathan Edwards
Resolutions 22 of 70

#22. Resolved, to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness, in the other world, as I possibly can, with all the power, might, vigor, and vehemence, yea violence, I am capable of, or can bring myself to exert, in any way that can be thought of.

“Live your life now in a very large way for Christ, for if you do,
you will obtain for yourself an equally large forever”

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” **10** BUT God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

1st Step is Responding to His Offer.
(Considering Jesus)

2nd Step is Repentance From Sins.
(Considering Jesus)

3rd Step is Accepting His Salvation.
(Considering Jesus)

4th Step is Rejoicing His Love.
(Considering Jesus)

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