

A Study of the Book of Hebrews: God Speaks to Us through His Son

Lesson 11: Hebrews 11, “By Faith”

Part 1: Hebrews 11:1-2, “What Is Faith?”

1. The word translated as “assurance” can also be translated as “substance” or “real nature,” perhaps also “foundation.” How is our faith a foundation for our hope?

2. The Lutheran Study Bible notes under 11:1, “If anyone wants a distinction between faith and hope, we say that the object of hope is properly a future event, but that faith is concerned with future and present things. Faith receives the forgiveness of sins offered in the promise in the present” (Ap V 191). And, from Luther, “One of the noblest and most precious virtues of faith is to close one’s eyes to this, ingenuously to desist from exploring the why and the wherefore, and cheerfully to leave everything to God. Faith does not insist on knowing the reason for God’s actions, but it still regards God as the greatest goodness and mercy. Faith holds to that against and beyond all reason, sense, and experience, when everything appears to be wrath and injustice” (AE 43:52). How should we not confuse faith and hope?

Part 2: Hebrews 11:3-38, “Remembering the Faith of the Old Testament Saints”

Fill in the table, understanding that some of the boxes may not be filled.

verse	Who?	Where?	Promise of God	How Faith Receives It	God’s Blessing
3	Us	Gen 1			
4	Abel	Gen 4:4-8			
5	Enoch	Gen 5:22-24			
7	Noah	Gen 6:8, 13-22			
8	Abraham	Gen 12:1-4			
9	Sarah	Gen 18:11-14			
17	Abraham	Gen 22:1-10			
20	Isaac	Gen 27:27-29			
22	Jacob	Gen 50:24-25			

23	Moses' mother	Ex 2:2-3	God's Law- Do Not Murder		
24	Moses	Ex 2:10-12			
27	Moses	Ex 12:31-37			
28	Moses	Ex 12:12,18			
29	Israel	Ex 14:21-30			
30	Israel	Josh 6:15-16			
31	Rahab	Josh 6:15-16,			
32-38	All				

3. What is “reverent fear” (v 7), and how is it practiced today?

4. Excursus- Heb 11:13-16. How is this a basis for the hymn “Heaven Is My Home”? What is the promise of God that is given to all believers?

Part 3: Hebrews 11:39-40, “They Did Not Receive That Which Was Promised”

5. What is the ultimate promise that none of these saints would see yet believe in?

6. How is this (v 40) a summary of our faith, as well as the faith thus far described?

Don't Forget!

Every Sunday:

Services at 8:00 and 10:30, with Bible study hour at 9:15.

Every Tuesday:

Dinner at 6:30 and Bible study at 7:00.

Upcoming Events:

April 12th: Hiking in the Wichita Mountains, leave at 9am

April 13th (Palm Sunday): TLC Picnic at Andrews Park, 3-5

April 29th: End of the Year Party, Grilling, and Vicarage Call Service