

FAITH THAT PLEASES GOD

Hebrews 11:1-16

Key Verse: 11:6

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

1. How is faith described (1)? Why does the author focus on faith here (10:38-39)? What are the grounds of our confidence and assurance? Why did God commend the ancients (2)? Why is it important to have faith in the Creator God and his word (3; Gen 1; Ro 1:19-20)?
2. How was Abel’s faith characterized (4; Gen 4:4-5; 1Jn 3:12)? How does Abel’s faith still speak to us today? Who was Enoch (5; Gen 5:21-24; Jude 14)? How did he “please God”?
3. Read verse 6. What is necessary in order to please God? Why is it so important to please God? What does it mean that God “exists” and “rewards” (Ex 3:14; Gen 15:1)? Whom does God reward? How did Noah express his faith (7)? What was the result?
4. How did Abraham start his life of faith (8; Gen 12:1-4)? How was it possible for Abraham to live in tents along with Isaac and Jacob (9-10)? What enabled Sarah to bear children (11)? What did God do through one man as good as dead (12)?
5. What do “all these people” have in common (13-16a)? What motivated them to live in such a way? How did God commend them (16b)? How can you please God?