



POSSESSING
THE LAND

Faith

Heb 11:1 - 12

1 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.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

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5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 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.

7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

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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. 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.

What is Faith?

Heb 11:1

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

- Faith is the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for
'hypostasis'
- assurance, confidence

FAITH TREATS THINGS HOPED FOR AS A REALITY, BEFORE IT COMES ABOUT.

What is Faith?

Heb 11:1

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

- Faith is the EVIDENCE of things not seen
'elegchos'
 - proof, the proving process
 - conviction

FAITH IS THE PROCESS OF DIVINE CONVICTION THAT STARTS TO BRING TO LIGHT THE REALITY OF THINGS NOT SEEN.

What is Faith?

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

FAITH TREATS THINGS HOPED FOR AS A REALITY, BEFORE IT COMES TO PASS, BECAUSE OF A DEEP CONVICTION IN OUR HEARTS BASED ON THINGS WE CANT SEE!

By Faith We Understand

Heb 11:3

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.

Faith Is Active

- vs 2 'by faith the elders OBTAINED...'
- vs 3, 'by faith we UNDERSTAND...'
- vs 4, 'by faith Abel OFFERED...'
- vs 7, 'by faith Noah PREPARED an ark...'
- vs 8, 'by faith Abraham OBEYED...'
- vs 8, 'by faith Abraham WENT OUT...'
- vs 9, 'by faith Abraham DWELT in the land of promise...'
- vs 10, 'by faith Abraham WAITED...'
- vs 11, 'by faith Sarah RECEIVED STRENGTH...'
- vs 17, 'by faith Abraham OFFERED UP Isaac...'
- vs 20, 'by faith Isaac BLESSED Jacob and Esau...'
- vs 21, 'by faith Joseph WORSHIPPED...'
- vs 24, 'by faith Moses REFUSED...'
- vs 27, 'by faith Moses FORSOOK Egypt...'
- vs 27, 'by faith Moses ENDURED...'
- vs 29, 'by faith they PASSED THROUGH the Red Sea...'
- vs 30, 'by faith the walls of Jericho FELL DOWN...'

How Does Faith Come?

Rom 10:17

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

Faith

- **Faith is for everyone**
- **Faith is substance and evidence**
- **Faith is grounded in the very person of God**
- **By faith we understand**
- **Faith is active**
- **Faith comes by hearing**

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Numbers 14:1 - 10

1 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" 4 So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

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Numbers 14:1 - 10

6 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; 7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. 8 If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.' 9 Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them." 10 And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

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1. Faith must have a voice

'they SPOKE to all the congregation...'

2 Cor 4:13, 'And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak...'

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2. Faith is ready to act.

'Let us go up at once...' (Caleb)

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3. Faith knows that God's Word contains His ability.

'HE will bring us into this land...'

Is 55:11

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

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4. Faith knows God's heart.

'If the Lord delights in us...'

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5. Faith knows there will be a fight.

'and GIVE it to us...'

'Do not rebel... nor fear...'

1 Tim 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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6. Faith is established through victory.

'for they are our bread...'

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7. Faith invites rejection.

'stone them with stones...'



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