BY FAITH

LEAVING A LEGACY OF TRUST IN GOD

A STUDY OF HEBREWS 11

#3 The Cloud of Witnesses I

Hebrews 11

Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore**, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses**, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.*

FAITH is being sure that Future Rewards are *really real*
FAITH is being certain that Invisible Things are *really real*

Observations about the Heroes of Faith:

A. The writer **ASSUMES** his readers were familiar with these people and their stories.
B. They are presented in **CHRONOLOGICAL** sequence.
C. They were all **FLAWED** people.
D. Their faith brought them into a **RIGHTEOUS** standing with God.
E. Their faith caused them to courageously **OBEY** God.
F. None of them during their lifetime received the full measure of what God had **PROMISED**.

Hebrews 11:13 *All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance.*

THE GALLERY…

Abel

Hebrews 11:4 *By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.*

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Enoch

Hebrews 11:5 *By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 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.*

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Noah

Hebrews 11:7 *By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*

Confident Assurance in the Face of the Invisible!
Courageous Obedience in the Face of the Incomprehensible!
Continuing Perseverance in the Face of the Intolerable!

A. His faith prompted him to **OBEY** God.
B. His faith condemned the **WORLD**.
C. His faith brought him into a righteous standing with **GOD**.

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ARE YOU READY FOR
EIGHT GREAT DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING?
Seeking God by Faith for Impossible Things

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