

A Study of the General Epistles

NT Survey Lesson 153—Hebrews 11

Introduction: In this chapter the Hebrew demonstrates how “men of old” gained approval” from God by their faith. One particular aspect of faith is being stressed, namely, the acceptance of the unseen promises of God and the placing of one’s hope in that. Thus, those of times past embraced the hope of salvation by faith and serve as an example to the Hebrews to hold to their faith in God’s promises.

Lesson aim: To show how faith manifests itself in the believer’s life.

Men of old who gained approval by their faith—Heb. 11:1-40

1. How does the Hebrew writer define faith? (v. 1) What did this faith enable “men of old” to do? (v. 2)
2. By we understand what about the origin of all things? (v. 3)
3. What did faith cause Abel to do? (v. 4) What was the result?
4. What blessing did Enoch’s faith cause him to receive? (v. 5)
5. What are the two features of the faith that “comes to God”? (v. 6)
6. How did Noah demonstrate faith? (v. 7) What was the outcome?
7. How did Abraham and Sarah demonstrate faith? (v. 8-12) What blessings were promised to them?
8. How did those who died in faith see themselves? (v. 13) For what city were they looking?
9. How did Abraham demonstrate faith in the offering of Isaac? (v. 17-19)
10. How did Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph manifest faith? (v. 20-22)
11. How did Moses’ parents demonstrate faith? (v. 23)

12. Make a list of the ways Moses revealed his faith in God (v. 24-28).
13. What two events in the history of the Israelites demonstrated their faith? (v. 29-30)
14. How did Rahab show faith? (v. 31)
15. What other people could also be appealed to as examples of faith? (v. 32)
16. Make a list of the kinds of activities that these people performed through faith (v. 33-38)
17. Those had gained approval by their faith had not received what? (v. 39)
Why was this?
18. What do you think the Hebrew writer is trying to achieve by the statement in v. 40?