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HEBREWS 11:1-22
"Faith Required"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Faith, its value and worth. In **chapter 11** the author will touch on the theme of how faith was the underlying quality of the heroes of the O.T. They lived by faith, we can too. With our faith firmly planted in the good and perfect character of the Lord Jesus we do not walk alone. In support of this word of encouragement, meditate on **Hebrews 13:5-6**. When tough times come remember His promises.

It is impossible to please God without faith. The one who expresses faith in God by believing in Him although he doesn't see Him has great reward to look forward to.

Noah was a great example of a man motivated by faith. God warned, he heeded, and the result was his physical life being prolonged and that his family greatly benefited from his faith. A man's personal faith can be fruitful in the life of his family.

Faith constitutes the Christian's world view.

Consistently Abraham believed God and acted on faith. He obeyed God, though there was nothing tangible that he could rely on other than his faith. He believed God.

Enoch believed God, he pleased God with the makeup of his entire life. Not perfect, just faithful. Enoch was a preacher for God, see **Jude 14-15**. Impressive.

Application:

William Carey spent 35 years in India with only a handful of converts to show for it. He translated the Bible into various languages and yet only by faith could he have continued as he did because he saw very little fruit for his labor in his lifetime. The bigger harvest came by those who came after him. Do not despise humble beginnings. Noah preached over one-hundred years without seeing fruit as he built the ark. His faith was in God, not his circumstances. A big take away is, keep on keeping on. This reminds me of a saying by Jerry Falwell, "The measure of a man is not what he can accomplish or do. The measure of a man is what it would take to make him quit." The next time you are feeling discouraged think back on these two men and their lives. With this in mind a person can read this hall of fame found in **Hebrews 11** and be encouraged to continue walking in faith when sight make no sense. Persevere!