

The Righteous Live by Faith – Hebrews 11

The characteristics of faith – Heb. 11: 1 -3

Heb. 10: 38 – But my righteous one shall live by faith

Faith is confident assurance that obeys God's promises in spite of life circumstances

Assurance of things hoped for...

Heb. 3:14 – we are partakers of Christ by faith if we hold on to our assurance

Heb. 6:11 – show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end

Heb. 10:22 – let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith

Conviction of the unseen...

Heb. 11:27 – by faith he left Egypt not fearing the wrath of the king for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen

Confidence in God's word & promises

Heb. Heb. 3:6 – Christ was faithful as a Son over His house – whose house we are if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of hope firm until the end

Heb. 4:16 – Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need

Heb. 10:19 – Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus

Heb. 10:35 – Therefore, do not throw away your confidence which has a great reward

Faith gives us approval with God

Heb. 11:2 – men of old gained approval with God

Heb. 4:2 – we had the good news preached to us, just as they also, but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard

Gal. 2:16 – a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Christ Jesus...since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified

Faith understands that God created the world by His word – Heb. 11:3

The acts of faith – Heb. 11:4 – 40

11:4 – Abel by faith made the proper sacrifice
11:5 - 6 – Enoch by faith was taken alive to be with God – he walked with God
11:7 – Noah escaped the flood
11:8 – 10, 17 -19 – Abraham obeyed difficult commands from God
Abraham believed God when he did not know **where** – 11:8-10
Abraham believed God when he did not know **how** – 11:11,12
Abraham believed God when he did not know **when** – 11:13 -16
Abraham believed God when he did not know **why** – 11:17 -19
11:11 -12 – Sarah gave birth in old age
11:20 – Isaac blessed his family
11:21 – Jacob blessed his family & worshipped
11:22 – Joseph prophesied of the coming Exodus
11:23 – Moses parents hid him from Pharaoh
11:24 -29 – Moses used to deliver Israel from slavery
11:30 – the walls of Jericho fell down
11:31 – Rahab was saved when she protected the spies
11:32 – Military reformers saved Israel
11:33 – a shepherd boy was anointed king
11:33 – kingdoms were subdued, lion’s mouths were shut
11:34 - 35 – performed great acts for God
11:36 – many endured ridicule & imprisonment
11:37 – some were tempted, were killed & lived in destitution, affliction & ill treatment
Men of whom the world is not worthy – wandering in deserts, and mountains and caves
holes in the ground – 11:38
11:39 -40 – approval without the fulfilment of the promise
All of these gained approval with God through their faith
All of these gained approval but did not receive what was promised- 11:13
All of these gained approval but God provided something better in Christ – 11:16
All of these gained approval but were not made perfect without those who believe in Christ

Heb. 10:35 -36 – Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive that was promised.

2 Peter 3:11 -13 – but the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people out you to be in holy conduct and godliness, **looking** for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.