



## Hebrews Lesson 11 Chapter 11 Cain, Abel, and Enoch

*The writer of Hebrews has brought his readers to a place of deep understanding of the supremacy of Christ and the New Covenant under His Lordship compared to the impossible expectations and inadequacy of the Old Covenant. He has thoroughly covered each aspect of both and shown the benefit of abiding with Christ. But these believers are facing extreme persecution, and their faith is waning. Therefore, the writer will now encourage them to press on by using the examples of their forefathers that went before them. Trusting in God's promises even when facing what seems impossible opposition, these heroes of faith maintained with perseverance even in the face of death. Those who hadn't seen the fulfillment of the promises of a Savior still*

*trusted in a future hope of that Savior. Now the Hebrews must trust in the present Savior that has come and rescued them from the power of death and the insufficient attempts at Law. Faith is the key to salvation whether under the old covenant or under the new covenant. The circumstance or historical situations may differ, but the belief in a God that is active and in control of it all is the same. As the author states, "...without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him"(11:6). The letter will continue with a detailed record of the acts of faith of the "people of faith" to identify how necessary it is to remain diligent and steadfast in believing God no matter the obstacles.*

### REVIEW OF CHAPTER 10

*let's approach God with a \_\_\_\_\_ heart in full \_\_\_\_\_ of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an \_\_\_\_\_ and our bodies washed with pure water. Let's hold \_\_\_\_\_ to the confession of our hope without \_\_\_\_\_, for He who \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_;*  
*Hebrews 10:22-23 (NASB 1995)*

1. *How do you actively "hold fast to the confession of our hope?" 10:23*

2. *What kind of relationships would be necessary to fulfill what we are commanded to do for each other in 10:24-25?*

*Definitions:*

*Stimulate NAS; provoke KJV-paroxusmos- to stir up the mind; to sharpen; to excite.*

*Consider KJV -katanoeo-to think; to consider; to observe.*

*Exhorting one another KJV -parakaleo- to call to the side of; to comfort, to encourage, or to admonish.*

3. *Explain what you think would be the activity necessary to do the opposite of “draw back” in 10:39-40?*

#### READ CHAPTER 11

4. *According to verse 1, what two things are used to describe what faith is? What do you think that means?*



*Word study:*

*the word “substance” (KJV) or “certainty” (NAS) is hupostasis which is define as “to place or set under.” It refers to that which underlies the apparent. Hence, assurance; the ground of confidence. The word “evidence” (KJV) or “conviction” (NAS) is elenchus which is defined as proof or the persuasion of a truth. (Zodhiates Greek Word Study Dictionary).*

5. *What was the invisible thing through which the world was made?*

READ GENESIS 4:1-14

6. *What does Cain's attitude toward God tell you about his heart in the sacrifice he gave? See also Hebrews 11:6. What might that reveal about why God rejected it? According to Hebrews 11:4, what did Abel's sacrifice reveal about him?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. *Using the example of Cain and Abel, though we are saved by faith alone, what part must obedience play in that? 11:6*

READ GENESIS 5:21-24

8. *What did Enoch do that enabled him to not see death? Gen. 5:24. How is that expressed in Hebrews 11:5?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. *What other sacrifices please God? Hebrews 13:15-16; Philippians 4:18. Why do you think these things please God?*

***Prayer requests:***

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***Group time notes:***

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