

EPISODE 24: “THE HALL OF FAITH” HEBREWS 11:1-40

CONTEXT

In this episode, Hebrews chapter 11 shows the examples of significant people showing their faith. We are going to explore how their faith for things that they believed caused them to be committed to what God called them.

The Importance of Faith (vv. 1-2)

- i. What is faith?
 - a) Faith is the _____ in the promises of God (Heb. 11:1; Rom. 8:25)
 - 1) Assurance for the _____ (Hebrews 11:1; Rom. 8:24-25)
 - 2) Confidence in _____ (Hebrews 11:1; Hebrews 3:12-14)
- ii. How did this community exercise its faith?
 - a) Bore witness to God through their _____ (Heb. 11:2a)

Faith of the Patriarchs (vv. 3-21)

- i. Faith in creation (Hebrews 11:3)
 - a) The Word's role in creation (Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 33:6; John 1:1-3)
 - b) The invisible created the visible (Hebrews 11:3b; Genesis 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-17)
- ii. Abel's faith
 - a) Abel offered a more _____ sacrifice (Heb. 11:4a; Gen. 4:3-5)
 - b) Abel's witness reminds us to give our best (Heb. 11:4b; Romans 12:1-2)
- iii. Enoch's faith
 - a) Enoch walked with God and did not die (Hebrews 11:5; Genesis 5:22-24; Jude 14)
 - b) Walking with God requires belief that 1) he exists and 2) he rewards those who pursue Him (Hebrews 11:6; Jer. 29:12-14)
 - c) Enoch's witness reminds us to _____ in a world that does not. (Gen. 5:22-24; John 8:12)
- iv. Noah's faith
 - a) Noah's work _____ the world. (Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:9)
 - b) Noah's witness reminds us that our works are meant to _____ others and _____ them to Christ (Matthew 5:13-14)
- v. Abraham and Sarah's faith

- a) Abraham and Sarah left a familiar home, lived in a foreign land, believed God for a child in old age, and offered up that child as a sacrifice. (Heb 11:8-19; Gen. 12:1-5, 10-20; Gen. 17:17-19; Genesis 22)
- b) Abraham's and Sarah's witness teach us to _____ even when we don't have the answers. (Acts 1:6-7)
- vi. Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph's faith
 - a) Isaac and Jacob blessed their offspring (Hebrews 11:20-21; Genesis 27:27-30, 39-40; Genesis 48:13-22)
 - b) Even in affluence, Joseph kept his eyes on the promised land (Hebrews 11:22; Genesis 50:24-26)
 - c) Isaac and Jacob's witness teaches us God's promises always prevail.
 - d) Joseph's witness teaches us the need for holy discontentment.

Faith of Moses and the Israelites (vv. 23-31)

- i. Moses
 - a) Moses' life was characterized by obscurity, integrity, courage, obedience (Hebrews 11:23-28; Ex. 2:2-10).
 - b) Moses' witness teaches us the need to choose suffering over comfort. (Matt. 16:24-26)
- ii. Israelites
 - a) The Israelites' deliverance required them to walk out their faith. (Hebrews 11:29-30)
 - b) The Israelites' witness teaches us that what we've been delivered to is better than what we've been delivered from. (Luke 9:62; Philippians 3:12-14)
- iii. Rahab
 - a) Rahab's life is one characterized by _____, endurance, and hospitality (Joshua 2:9, 11)
 - b) Rahab's witness teaches us that _____ requires risk. (Hebrews 13:2, Matthew 1:2-4,16)

Faith of Others (vv. 32-38)

- i. From Gideon to the Prophets
 - a) By faith, God's people experienced victories, miracles, and persecution. (Hebrews 11:32-38)
 - b) Their witness teaches us faith includes hardships and triumphs.

An Incomplete Promise (vv. 39-40)

- ii. The smaller promises they received pales in comparison to the bigger promise found in _____ (Heb. 11:39-40; Heb. 11:13a)