

HEBREWS

[J E S U S I S B E T T E R]

11:1 - 12:13 The Promise and The Hope

11:1-16 Faith: *Holding TO the Promise*



FAITH = Assurance and Conviction

Faith is the basis, the foundation, of our Hope

. ὑποστασις
hupostasis

“Undergirding, Foundation”
stand firm – assurance
looks to the future (hope)

. ἀποστασια
apostasia

“To Move *From* A Foundation”
move from your stand
looks *only* at the present

. μαρτυρω
marturo

"Martyr, Witness"

passive voice

NASB "gained approval" (*from whom?*)

KJV "obtained a good report " (? *same question*)

NET "received God's commendation" (*the answer!*)

NIV "were commended *for*" (*WOW! bad grammar!*)

. Faith's Certainty

Certain about Creation (*a miracle wrought by God*)
even though we were not there to see it!
it is a past event that cannot be reduplicated

Certain about Events (*God controls all*)
ages or "worlds" refer to people
and to timelines of history
PAST PRESENT FUTURE



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is for GEEKS Only**



Evolution is NOT True

even though I cannot prove it

Scala naturae (Aristotle 350 BC): described classified organisms in a "Ladder of Life" or "great chain of being," placing them according to their complexity of structure and function, with organisms that showed greater vitality and ability to move (*evolve*) to "higher organisms."

... living organisms must have what he called a "final cause"; they had been designed for a purpose.

He rejected the view that living creatures originated by chance.

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11:4-5 Obtaining the Testimony

God's Witness! "Well done faithful servant"

11:4 **Abel** "offered a **better** sacrifice"

He "obtained a testimony" – Righteous!

Gen 15:6 **Believe God** - Get a perfect standing

στασις Will you stay (Gen 15) or ...

Walk my own way (Gen 16)??

Even though DEAD he speaks to US

God is pleased with Abel

11:5 Enoch "taken up - changed!"

He "obtained a testimony"

He did NOT die (*like everyone else in Gen 5*)

He was a **contrast** to the men of his age

Jude 14 says he preached about coming judgment


"The Lord CAME ... to execute judgment"

God is pleased with Enoch

Abel Offered Up a Blood Sacrifice **He Died**

Jesus

Enoch Preached Coming Judgment **He Lives**



NO FAITH? = No approval
No reward

"It is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him ..."

**10:38 No Faith "shrinks back"
God is NOT pleased**

~~Assurance
ON the Promise~~

~~Conviction
IN the Promise~~

without **FAITH** it is **IMPOSSIBLE**
to
please
G o d

~~Approval
FROM the Promise~~

~~Knowledge
OF the Promise~~

11:7-8 Faith's Certainty

conviction leading to action

11:7 Noah "seeing unseen things"

Rain? Flood? A big boat?

Enoch preached judgment ...

but the Flood is a type ...

The Ark is the means of salvation to a new world

Noah is the inheritor of the new world

God is pleased with Noah

11:8 Abraham "obeys and goes out"

Where am I going? Faith says "The Lord knows ..."

Abraham is the inheritor of a new land

God is pleased with Abraham

"Abram believed God ...

and He declared him righteous" Gen 15:6

11:9-12 Faith's Assurance

the promise gives hope

11:9-10 Abraham/Isaac/Jacob

"inheritors of the land of promise"

Aliens (Immigrants) No rights!

Looking **Watching Waiting**

... for a city built by God **Heb 12:22**

11:1 Assurance of "**hoped for**" things ...

11:11-12 Abraham and Sarah

“life coming from apparent deadness”

Abraham and Sarah are **ONE**

Looking **Watching Waiting**

Sarah is barren (dead) but believes **HIM** ...

the promise maker

born of ONE ... and **he** as if dead

11:13-16 Dying With Hope

the promise delayed

11:13 All these died ...

"seeing but not receiving (*yet*)"

seeing and **seeking** the CITY where God dwells
KATAPPAUSIS "The place of REST"

11:14 Making it clear ...

"seeking a country"

The Confession

"We're not from around here ...

we are from UP THERE"

Looking **Watching Waiting**

11:15 No thought of *turning back* ...

"they had the opportunity"

11:16 They are *looking ahead* ...

"He *has prepared* a city"

KATAPPAUSIS The place of REST

God is pleased with ...

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11:17-31 Faith: *Enduring IN the Promise*