



# Hebrews

The Supremacy of Jesus


Hebrew Examples of Faith

Lesson #10

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## A Review of the Description of Faith:

*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. Hebrews 11:1-2*

Faith is the foundation (*the title deed*) on which I stand with “absolute confidence” that I already possess the invisible things (things hoped for) promised to me by God who cannot lie.

This describes a conviction that one has already taken custody of the invisible reality –here and now. What is hoped for is all that in Jesus Christ, all that God has promised of things to come, is fulfilled.

## Hebrews 11:3

*3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

By faith we “understand.” (To think, consider, conceive, apprehend; to interpret or view something in a particular way – to infer something from information received.)

Our understanding is the product of the Holy Spirit revealing to us the reality of the invisible God whose word has power to create.

So, the universe was formed “at God’s command.”

***Genesis 1***

***John 1:1-3***

*“Formed at God’s command.” We accept this truth by faith. Why? “Because what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”*

The written word of God provides the information from which we infer the truth of Creation.

Before the beginning, before any thing, was the invisible reality, God! *“In the beginning God created heavens and earth.” (Genesis 1:1).*

The beginning began God, by His Word, called things into existence, this includes time. *(Genesis 1, John 1:1-3).*

So, the invisible spiritual reality precedes the material world as we experience it. The material world, including time, is a digital reality (made of matter or physical substance). Matter can be made from “no seen thing” and, can be reduced to “no seen thing”.

*(See Colossians 1:15)*

The point: according to Scripture the spiritual world (kingdom of heaven) is eternal (from everlasting to everlasting) the material world is passing away.

What *is* the point?

We who have been redeemed, reconciled and restored are living in two worlds, one is visible the other invisible. We are in the world but not of the world. ***John 17:14-16***  
In this world we will have tribulations, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world. ***John 16:33***

And “*2 Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.*” ***James 1:2-4***

Time is built on swift transition

None on earth unmoved can stand

*Build your hope on things eternal*

Hold to God’s unchanging hand

## Examples of Faith from Hebrew History

Cain and Able – *Genesis 4:1-10*

Enoch - *Genesis 5:23-24*

*Enoch was the first man in the Scripture commended as one who pleased God. “Before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.”*

*How? By faith not by works, “And without faith it is impossible to please God.”*

*Why? “Because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” **Hebrews 11:5-6***

Noah – *Genesis 6:9-22*

Abraham and Sarah – *Genesis 12:1ff; Genesis 22:1-19*

## Hebrews 11:39-40

*39 “These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. 40 “God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. “*

When the writer uses the pronoun “us” he is including himself in those who share the lineage with those models faith presented in this chapter of Hebrews.

For you and me, our faith stands on what Christ has done for us on the cross. He died for our sins, redeeming us from the penalty of sin and the power of sin. He has reconciled us to God the Father; *“and has made us a kingdom and priest to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.” Revelation 1:6*