

A close-up photograph of an open Bible. A magnifying glass is positioned over the word 'Hebrews' in the title of a chapter. The text is slightly out of focus, but the word 'Hebrews' is prominent. Below it, some verses are visible, including 'The Son Superior to Angels' and 'and the heavens are the work of your hands'.

Hebrews

Word on Wednesday - Study on the book of Hebrews

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11 Now **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

3 By **faith** we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. 4 By **faith** Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through **faith**, though he is dead, he still speaks. 5 By **faith** Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. 6 And without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. 7 By **faith** Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to **faith**.

Definition of faith

Result of faith

Application of faith

Illustrations of faith

Abel

How you give matters!

Enoch

Why you walk matters!

Noah

What you work matters!

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V8-22

Move from the Pre-Abraham era to Abraham & Abraham's family ie Hebrew race.

13 **A** them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. 15 And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. **Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.**

17 **By faith Abraham**, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 it was he to whom it was said, "In Isaac your descendants shall be called." 19 He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type. 20

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God-centred Faith as seen in:

**=Walk as He directs:
don't hesitate.**

**=Wait as He desires:
don't be impatient.**

**=Worship as He
determines:
don't be religious.**

Reflection:

**What has He called me to?
(Place)**

**How to wait?
(Presence)**

**What does He require of me
today?
(Price)**

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- Atheist Christopher Hitchens

“I find a father holding a knife to his son’s throat to show his love to a totalitarian dictator wicked!”

“Didn’t like what X asked Y to do. Hence, X is not real.”

questions

- Culture of the time

Canaanite culture, within which Abraham lived, promoted the norms of sacrifice children to gods (Molech or Baal)

- Same expectation

If you love God, you will proveby sacrificing your child.

- “Thou shall not kill...”

Commandment came 400 years later

questions

- 4 observations:
 - It was meant to be a test to change Abraham ie awe at God's promise.
 - Test ended when Abraham made the choice to act ie raised the knife.
 - “Now I know..” = refers not “to knowing existing fact” but to THE new & expressed affection.
 - A faith act resulted in birth of nation of Israel and paved the way for the Savior of the world.

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27 By faith **he left Egypt**, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as **seeing Him who is unseen**. 28 By faith **he kept the Passover** and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. 29 By faith **they passed through** the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

Moses – Faith seen in his choice (v23-29)

- 1. Decision on Testimony or Title.**
- 2. Decision on Wilderness or Wonderland.**

He chose a life of faith (testimony) not title.

He chose a life of hardship (wilderness) not pleasure.

Narrow is the road that leads to eternal life.

What is your choice today?

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Abraham & Abraham's family:

God-centred Faith seen how we walk, how we wait, how we worship.

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Moses:

Faith seen in making the right choices.

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V30-40: Many more faith examples
2 extremes of Faith:
Dare not (what if not) vs Too Daring Faith (Faith always works..)
Paradoxes of Faith

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Persons of Faith
Expected:

Moses, David, Samuel

Unexpected:
Rahab, Gideon

Totally Unexpected:
Barak?
Samson?
Jephthah?

Judges 4:4 Now Deborah, a prophetess ...summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali, and said to him, “*The Lord, the God of Israel, has indeed commanded, ‘Go and march to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men from the sons of Naphtali and from the sons of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out to you Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his many troops to the river Kishon, and I will hand him over to you.’*” 8 Then Barak said to her, “*If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.*” 9 She said, “*I will certainly go with you; however, the fame shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.*” Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Judges 14 Then Samson went down to Timnah, and he saw a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines. 2 So he came back and told his father and mother, “*I saw a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines; so now, get her for me as a wife.*” 3 But his father and his mother said to him, “*Is there no woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?*” Yet Samson said to his father, “*Get her for me, because she is right for me.*”

16:30 And Samson said, “*Let me die with the Philistines!*” And he pushed outwards powerfully, so that the house fell on the governors and all the people who were in it. And the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he killed during his lifetime.

Judges 11:30 And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord and said,
“If You will indeed hand over to me the sons of Ammon, 31 then whatever comes out the doors of my house to meet me when I return safely from the sons of Ammon, it shall be the Lord’s, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering.”

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Barak's lack of faith in God, his credit for the victory would not go to him, but to a woman.

Samson – God's weakest strong man, womaniser.

Jephthah – don't be a Jephthah! Making a wrong vow.

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1. Unexpected people Person of Faith

Expected:

, David,

Point:

God uses unexpected people, common folks, to show
that faith is for everyone.

It is never the size of our faith. It is always the size of
our God that truly matters.

*You may be without honor, feeling weary or weak, God
can still use you!*

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From Hindsight.

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10 positive outcomes (in Hindsight):

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Faith is needed from
Foresight at bad
situations eg invading
army, compromising
world, thrown into lion
den.. Covid-19 .. etc

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Point:

God can use any situation to show
forth His power.

Secret in life is not speed.

Secret in life is WHO. Who is with
you is more important than the
Where and the How.

Have faith in God regardless of the
situation.

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Faith is for everyone.
When it is place on God.

2.Unexpected situation
Faith is in every situation.
Because God is Faithful/Powerful.

3.Unexpected outcome
Faith is

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**3.Unexpected
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The answer is WAIT!

The answer is NO!

**The answer is
DEATH!**

**Beware of Faith in
Faith.**

**Faith Alone makes
nothing happened.**

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**3.Unexpected
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**Handling
unanswered prayers:**

3 important truths

i. Time and Season.

**ii. God gives the
best.**

**iii. God guarantees
ultimate victory.**

God's opinion:

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God's resolution:

40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

- They would be made perfect together with us.

- Future blessing with the future generation!

because God had provided something better for us,

so that **apart from us they would not be made perfect.**

3 Paradoxes of Faith:

3.Unexpected outcome

Future outcome > "Final outcome"

Paradoxes of Faith:

1. Unexpected Individuals

- Faith in God (PERSON) and not Faith in Faith.

2. Unexpected situations

- Faith in the Faithfulness of God (POWER) and not Facts of the situation.

3. Unexpected outcomes

-Future outcome > “Final” outcome (PERPLEXITY)

-Generational Blessings await

better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

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- unbeliever*





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Unexpected individuals
= a pastor with Faith in God

Unexpected situation
= Covid 19

Unexpected outcome
= Generational blessing
= Final resting place

Where is your faith?

Covid19 or Christ Jesus?