

Hallmarks of Faith

Hebrews 11

Introduction

Hebrews 11 is commonly called Faith's Hall of Fame. The chapter contains a long list of men and women who displayed great faith in Bible times. Their expression of faith or trust in God was so strong that it was commended by God and recorded for our encouragement. We can learn a lot from the nature of the faith of these people and about what made their faith stand out. Perhaps you or people you know have displayed faith in a remarkable way and seen God come through. Please share!

Questions for discussion

- 1) When non-Christians say they have faith, what do they mean?
- 2) Define Biblical faith. What is this kind of faith based on? See Hebrews 11:1-2,6,11,32.
- 3) Examine the following hallmarks (characteristics) of faith. Provide modern day examples illustrating how our faith is tested in these areas:
 - a. Trust despite hopelessness. Hebrews 11.11-12
 - b. Obedience despite consequence. Hebrews 11:7,24-26
 - c. Steadfastness despite adversity. Hebrews 11:35-39
- 4) Discuss the implication of the following facts on our faith life:
 - a. God has expressly promised you certain things.
 - b. God is infinitely wiser than human beings.
 - c. There is life after death.