

A BRAND-NEW SERIES BY DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS

SPIRITUAL FITNESS

STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH IN TROUBLED TIMES

A STUDY OF HEBREWS 11-13

THE NECESSARY INGREDIENT

HEBREWS 11:1-7

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Introduction: Today we are beginning a new series within a series, based on the final three chapters of Hebrews. Whether a problem strengthens our relationship with God or destroys our relationship with God depends on a single word that is the focus of Hebrews 11.

I. **The Definition Of Faith** (Hebrews 11:1-3)

A. **By Words** (Hebrews 11:1-2)

Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

1. **Assurance**

2. **Conviction**

Definition of Faith: Faith is the assurance that God will do what He has promised to do and act accordingly.

Hebrews 11:2 “For by it [faith] the men of old gained approval.”

B. **By Illustration** (Hebrews 11:3)

Hebrews 11:3 “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.”

II. The Examples Of Faith (Hebrews 11:4-5)

A. Abel: A Faith that Saves

Hebrews 11:4 “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.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

B. Enoch: A Faith that Sanctifies

Hebrews 11:5 “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.”

Genesis 5:21-24 ²¹ “Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. ²² Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. ²³ So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.”

III. The Requirement Of Faith (Hebrews 11:6-7)

Hebrews 11:6 “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.”

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A. God Exists

B. God Rewards

Hebrews 11:7 “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.”

Conclusion