

INTRODUCTION

- * We have seen that Jesus came to establish a "New and Living" Way into the Presence of God. Through the sacrificial death of the Messiah, we can - by faith - come openly and with confidence into YHWH's presence knowing that this is the fulfillment of His Redemptive Plan.
- * The author of the book of Hebrews then chastened and exhorted the Messianic Jews to not be deceived into thinking that they needed to turn back to the Law. If they did so, they would be trampling the sacrifice of the Messiah and placing their confidence in their ability to "work" for their salvation. He quoted the prophet Habakkuk, declaring: "The just shall live by faith."
- * He now transitions into a discussion of what faith is and what it looks like. He, again, reveals that this Redemptive Plan of God spans from Creation through his current day.
- * Lord willing, we will be spending the next four weeks considering this marvelous chapter. Today, we begin by considering the Foundation and Focus of Faith.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE E_____ OF FAITH

A. The C_____ (cf. Hebrews 10:4, 12-14, 19-20, 35-38)

1. FAITH IS COMING TO GOD THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS AND NOT WORKS OF THE LAW (cf. Gal 3:3-7,11-12)
2. FAITH IS THE RIGHTEOUS PLAN OF GOD AND AN ACT OF HIS GRACE (cf. Romans 3:21-28)

B. The C_____ (cf. James 2:14-26)

1. FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPE FOR (cf. Hebrews 1:3; 3:14)
2. FAITH IS THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN
 - * cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 18:15; John 3:19-20; 8:9; 16:8; Hebrews 10:1; 1 Corinthians 6:1

II. THE E_____ OF FAITH

A. By Faith The Elders Obtained A Good Testimony (v. 2; cf. Proverbs 27:21)

B. By Faith We Understand Creation! (v. 3; cf. Genesis 1)

1. WE CAN COMPREHEND CREATION THROUGH OBSERVATION (cf. Romans 1:18-21; John 12:36-40)
2. THE DOCTRINE OF CREATION

C. By Faith Abel Offered A Better Gift (v. 4; cf. Genesis 4)

1. THE M_____ OF HIS TESTIMONY
2. THE P_____ OF HIS TESTIMONY

D. By Faith Enoch Was Translated (v. 5; cf. Genesis 5:21-24)

E. By Faith We Diligently Seek God (v. 6; Psalm 10:4; 105:4-5; 111:2)

1. IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD W/O FAITH
2. GOD REWARDS THOSE WHO SEEK HIM

F. By Faith Noah Prepared An Ark (v. 7; cf. Genesis 6-9)

1. HIS OBEDIENCE WAS A R_____
2. HIS OBEDIENCE WAS A C_____

INTROSPECTION

- * What is the object, and source, of your faith?
- * Are you "Living By Faith"?
- * What do the actions of your life reveal about the foundation and focus of your faith?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * In what ways is our "Faith" Evidenced in our world today?