

The Hall of Faith

The Heroes of Heaven

Lesson 6

The Teacher's Preparation

Scripture Passages to Study: Hebrews 11

Study Guide: Read "The Hall of Faith: *The Heroes of Heaven*" from *New Testament Highlights - Part 2*.

Lesson Objective: A child of God should not only love God but also have the desire to please Him and serve Him. Since faith is required to please God, then God's people must know how to get faith, and grow faith: through the Word of God.

Lesson Application: I can be a hero of the faith if I obey, believe, and walk with God!

Memory Verse: Romans 10:17



So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

—Romans 10:17

The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Umbrella and Sunglasses



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Many of us have heard make believe stories about heroes like Superman and Spiderman, who do amazing things to help people. Sometimes they're called super heroes. These stories are fun to hear, but they are only make believe. There isn't really a man who can fly or stop a train with one arm. There isn't really a man who can crawl up a building like a bug.

The book of Hebrews has a chapter that lists many people that God considers to be heroes. These people may not have worn a red cape, but they did things by faith—and God considers faith to be a heroic attribute. If you could pick some people from the Bible who could be considered “heroic,” whom would you pick? Would it be Daniel? Or David? Perhaps it would be someone like Esther.

This lesson is about men and women that God considers to be heroes of the faith. He chose to write about these people in a chapter of the Bible known as the “Hall of Faith.”

What Is Faith?

First, we must learn what faith is. The Bible talks a lot about faith. But what is it exactly?

Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” That seems hard to understand. Faith is not something you can hold or touch. It's a principle and a feeling. It's a decision and a way of life. Faith is like love and peace. It's something inside you.

Hope is believing in something you can't see. To hope means you are anticipating something. It means that you are waiting and looking forward to something.

Evidence is proof. The fact that you and I can breath and talk and think are evidence that we are alive! Well, faith is an evidence of something too!

In order to stay alive, you have to breath oxygen all the time, 24 hours a days, 7 days a week. You never quit breathing. If you can't breath, you'll eventually die. You can't see oxygen. You can't grab it or hold it or touch it, but you believe it's there because, without it, you'll die. So, if you and I are living, we are evidence that oxygen is present. Faith is the same way. Faith is the “evidence of things not seen.” You can see Jesus right now, but when you put your *faith* in Him, you are trusting Him to take you to heaven! Salvation can't be seen, but faith is the evidence of that salvation!

Faith is a way we can show that God is real in our lives. It's a way of telling others about salvation, which can't be seen. You can see why faith is so very important to God.

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By Faith

Hebrews 11 talks about people who were considered heroes because of what they accomplished *by faith*. We will talk about just a few of them in this lesson.

Abel is the first person mentioned. We can read the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis. During that time, people made sacrifices for their sins. There was a certain way they were supposed to do it. They were supposed to give God their best. Abel followed God's plan, and Cain didn't. Cain was so jealous that he killed Abel. Abel did what was right the right way without taking shortcuts.

Another hero of the faith is Enoch. We don't know very much about Enoch, but we do know that something special happened to him. He had such a good relationship with the Lord that the Lord took him straight to heaven. Enoch didn't die like the rest of us. The Bible just says, "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24).

Noah is also mentioned for building an ark. God told Noah that there was going to be a flood, even though it had never even rained before. Noah obeyed even when he was building a boat because he believed God about an event he had never seen before.

Through Faith

Do you remember learning about Sarah? Sarah was 90 years old and her husband Abraham was 100 when they had their first baby, Isaac. The Bible said that Sarah had this baby due to her *faith*. It seems impossible for a 90-year-old woman to have a baby, but we need to remember that through God, all things are possible.

Moses is mentioned for doing some things *by faith*. But, he is also mentioned for doing one thing *through faith*; he kept the Passover. Do you remember when we learned about the Passover? God told Moses to kill a lamb and wipe its blood on the four posts of each doorframe so that the death angel would pass over the house. Moses had to trust what God said. Even though it may not have made sense to Moses, he obeyed anyway.

Conclusion

We have learned from this lesson that faith matters a lot to God. God included a special chapter in the Bible just to honor these people for their faith. Do you have faith? The Bible says that if we do not have faith, it is impossible for us to please God. Therefore, we must exercise faith because the whole purpose for our existence should be to please God.