



Acts to Revelation

Bible Course

Lesson 53

Name: _____

Read Hebrews 11

Chapter 11 – Faith and the Heroes of Faith

1. Faith is the substance of things _____ for and the _____ of things not seen. Our Heidelberg Catechism states it as...“True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His Word, but also an assured confidence, which the Holy Ghost works by the gospel in my heart, that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ’s merits” (Q#21).
2. I believe we all have historical faith: “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the _____ of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of the things which do _____.” We believe that God created the world out of nothing; this is historical faith.

Next we read a lengthy list of what are often referred to as the ‘heroes of faith’.

3. By faith _____ offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain (_____ sacrifice)
4. Enoch _____ God (by faith) and was translated that he should not see _____. Without faith it is impossible to _____ God. If we come to God, we must believe that He exists and that He is the _____ of them that diligently _____ Him.

5. By Faith Noah prepared an _____ (which condemned the _____) to the saving of his house.
6. Abraham was told to leave the country of his origin. By faith he left, not knowing where he was going (but God led him), and came to the country that God gave him for an _____ (though he owned nothing in his lifetime – only a burying plot for Sarah). Abraham looked for a _____ (heaven) which hath foundations, whose builder and _____ is God. By faith he offered up his only son _____, believing (faith) that God was able to raise him from the dead; “from whence also he received him in a _____” (Paul speaking figuratively).
7. *‘Figurative’ means representing by a figure, not literal, figure of speech.*
8. By faith Sarah received strength to _____ when her womb was dead, and so her seed was compared to the _____ and the _____. Abraham and Sarah did not receive the _____, but saw them afar off, were persuaded of them and confessed that they were _____ and _____ on the earth. They showed that they desired a better _____ or heavenly one, and God was not ashamed to be called _____ : for he hath prepared for them a city (new Jerusalem).
9. By faith Isaac _____ Jacob and Esau.
10. Jacob blessed the sons of _____ and by faith switched his hands, switching the blessing of the elder and younger (Gen. 48:17).
11. By faith Joseph gave commandment concerning his _____ because he knew that Israel would depart from _____.
12. By faith Moses’ parents _____ Moses because they saw he was a proper child and were not afraid of the _____ commandment (to kill all the baby boys).
13. Moses was adopted by Pharaoh’s daughter, but by faith he chose to suffer _____ with the people of God than to enjoy the _____ of sin for a season. By faith he saw Christ’s riches so much greater than the riches of Egypt.

14. By faith the Israelites kept the Passover and passed through the _____ Sea as by dry land.

15. By faith the _____ of Jericho fell flat and _____ perished not with them that believed not.

16. Paul then lists many more. Name them: _____ ,
_____, _____ , _____ ,
_____, _____ , _____

17. Faith is a gift of God, and a mighty weapon. Faith (true and saving):

- a. _____ kingdoms
- b. Wrought _____
- c. Obtained _____
- d. Stopped the mouths of _____ (Daniel)
- e. Quenched the violence of _____ (think of those burned at the stake)
- f. Escaped the edge of the _____
- g. Waxed _____ in the fight
- h. Turned to flight the armies of the _____
- i. Women received their _____ raised to _____ again.
- j. Others were _____ , not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better _____. Still others....
 - i. Received a trial of cruel _____ and _____ , of bonds and _____
 - ii. Were _____ , sawn _____ (Isaiah), tempted, slain with the _____ (James)
 - iii. Wandered about in _____ and goatskins

DEATH

It really doesn't matter when, who we are with, whether we are happy or not, or where we die.

There are many ways to die:

- with regret (due to bad investments or amount of time spent on work, or lack of time spent with family...)
- full of fear
- in despair
- in denial, at times with jokes to keep up the spirits
- in self-sufficiency
- in sin

There is one good way to die:

"These all died in faith"
Hebrews 11:13

- iv. Were destitute, afflicted and _____ because the world was not _____ of them.
- v. They wandered in deserts, in _____, and in caves of the earth.
18. Paul concludes that these all obtained a _____ report through faith.

Evaluator: _____

Meditation: “Contempt of the World” by Augustus Toplady

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| <p>1. Can ought below engross my thought,
Or am I to the world confined?
Nay, let my pure affections soar
To objects of a nobler kind.</p> | <p>6. Let the vain world applaud or frown,
Still may I heaven’s path pursue;
Still may I stand unshook, and keep
The center of my hopes in view.</p> |
| <p>2. I know I’m but a pilgrim here,
That seeks a better, promised land.
Then may I run and never tire,
Till that celestial home’s obtained.</p> | <p>7. Though Satan, earth, and self oppose,
Yet, through Thy help I’ll persevere;
To Canaan’s hills my eyes lift up,
And choose my lot and portion there.</p> |
| <p>3. Resolved to tread the sacred way
That Jesus watered with His blood,
I bend my fixed and cheerful course
Through that rough path my Master trod.</p> | <p>8. The way that leads to glory lies
Through ill report, contempt and loss;
Assist me to deny myself,
To follow Thee and bear Thy cross.</p> |
| <p>4. Contemtuious of the world I live,
A daily death rejoice to die;
And, while I move and walk below,
My absent heart mounts up on high.</p> | <p>9. Let Satan never come between,
Nor separate my God from me;
But may my soul, in every storm,
Find a sure resting place in Thee.</p> |
| <p>5. O Light of life, still guide my steps,
Without Thy friendly aid I stray;
Lead me, my God, for I am blind,
Direct me, and point out my way.</p> | |

Taken from “Worthy is the Lamb”