

sermon notes

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April 23, 2023 | "Faith of Our Fathers" | **Hebrews 11:1-7**

- 1) What is saving _____ that pleases _____?
(11:1-2)

- 2) What is an _____ of God-pleasing _____?
(11:3)

- 3) How did the " _____ " exhibit this kind of
_____? (11:4-7)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 11:1-3. How does the end of Hebrews 10 relate to the beginning of Hebrews 11? How does 11:1-3 function as an introduction for what follows in the rest of the chapter? Who are the "people of old" in verse 2? Who are the "we" in verse 3?

Define the terms "assurance" and "conviction." If faith is the assurance of things hoped for, what do we hope for as Christians? Is our hope built on what we have seen or what we have heard? Is our hope anything we want it to be (i.e. anything that we manifest by "faith")?

How do we know that the universe was created by the word of God? What's the difference between "general revelation" and "special revelation"? How does general revelation show us that God created the world? How does special revelation show us that he created the world by his word? Watch the following video to distinguish between these terms:

<https://app.vidgrid.com/view/d3xM0HO0gHWW>

GET PERSONAL

Consider now the things that you hope for in the future. Has God promised you what you are hoping in? If God has promised it, how sure are you that he will follow through with it? Do people hope for things that God hasn't promised? Do people put their faith in things that God hasn't promised? How could that damage a Christian's assurance or conviction (11:1)?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read through the Apostles' Creed:

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/the-apostles-creed>

Or you can listen to this rendition of Rich Mullins' song "Creed":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3i-VWxOAc>

How does this creed synthesize the basic principles of our Christian faith? What are the things promised in this Creed? How does this Creed relate to Hebrews 11:1? How does this Creed describe in summary, the things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Read Hebrews 11:4-7. Some people like to read the OT characters as moral examples to us, like the OT is Aesop's Fables for NT Christians. What's wrong with that approach? How does the repeated phrase "by faith" in Hebrews 11 help us avoid that error in reading the OT? For more on this matter, read the following TGC article: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/preachers-toolkit-wrong-to-draw-moral-lessons-from-ot/>