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#### Hebrews 11

1. Faith described ([Heb. 11:1](#))
  - a. the substance (*hypostatis* G5287) lit., “a standing under, support” (*hupo*, “under,” *histemi*, “to stand”) (Vine 43); a title deed (the deed constituting the evidence of a person’s legal ownership: Merriam-Webster)
  - b. hoped for = present tense verb (action) i.e., currently hoped for (no dead faith here!)
    - i. Hope defined ([Job 31:24](#) “confidence”; [Prov. 10:28](#) “expectation”; [Prov. 13:12](#) “desire”; [Ps. 71:5](#) “trust”)
  - c. the evidence (*elenchos* G1650) proof
  - d. “of things not seen” cf. [2 Cor. 4:16-18](#), [5:7](#); [Heb. 11:7](#), [27](#)
2. Faith produces understanding ([Heb. 11:2-3](#))
  - a. elders (*presbyteros* G4245) sense is “the fathers” or male ancestors (patriarchs) of old (cf. [Mark 7:3](#), [5](#) “tradition of the elders”)
  - b. obtained a *good* testimony (*martyreo* G3140) cf. [Heb. 7:8](#), [11:4-5](#), [39](#)
  - c. Creation reference ([Heb. 11:3](#))
    - i. worlds (*aion* G165) ages, i.e., time (cf. [Gen. 1:1](#) “In the beginning”)
    - ii. Matter did not create itself nor is it eternal
    - iii. were framed (*katartizo* G2675) to fit out, equip, put in order, arrange, adjust (Thayer 336) cf. [1 Cor. 14:33](#), [40](#)
    - iv. God spoke everything into existence (cf. [Gen. 1-2](#))
3. Examples of faith ([Heb. 11:4-12:2](#))

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- a. Abel ([Heb. 11:4](#))
  - i. References ([Gen. 4:1-10](#); cf. [Mt. 23:35](#); [Lk. 11:51](#); [Heb. 12:24](#))
  - ii. Our influence outlives us (cf. [1 Tim. 5:24-25](#); [Rev. 14:13](#))
- b. Enoch ([Heb. 11:5-6](#))
  - i. References ([Gen. 5:19-24](#); cf. [Lk. 3:37](#); [Jude 14-15](#))
  - ii. One of two who, thus far, never experienced physical death (cf. [2 Kgs. 2:11-18](#); [1 Thes. 4:17](#); [1 Cor. 15:51-58](#))
  - iii. Not possible (impossible) to please God without faith
  - iv. diligently seek (*ekzeteo* G1567) to seek out, search for; figuratively: to seek the favor of God, worship him (Thayer 195) cf. [Acts 17:27](#)
- c. Noah ([Heb. 11:7](#))
  - i. References ([Gen. 6-9](#); cf. [Isa. 54:9](#); [Ezek. 14:14, 20](#); [Mt. 24:37-38](#); [Lk. 3:36, 17:26-27](#); [1 Pet. 3:20](#); [2 Pet. 2:5](#))
  - ii. Prior to the flood God watered the Earth with a mist (cf. [Gen. 2:4-6](#))
  - iii. Noah condemned the world by his faith, i.e., trust with obedience to God (cf. [Mt. 12:41-42](#); [1 Cor. 6:1-3](#) with [2 Pet. 2:4](#); [Jude 6](#))
  - iv. If faith only saves, why did Noah build the ark?
- d. Abraham ([Heb. 11:8-10, 12-19](#))
  - i. See [Gen. 12-25](#)
  - ii. Abraham's desire was a **better** city i.e., Heaven (cf. [Rev. 21-22](#); [John 14:1-3](#))
  - iii. "strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (cf. [1 Pt. 1:1, 2:11](#))
  - iv. Isaac a type of Christ
    - 1. Isaac was the promised son of Abraham ([Gen. 15:4](#)); Jesus is the promised Son ([Isa. 7:14](#))
    - 2. Isaac's birth was pre-announced ([Gen. 18:10](#)); Jesus' birth was pre-announced ([Luke 1:30-31](#))
    - 3. Isaac was named before his birth ([Gen. 17:19](#)); Jesus was named before His birth ([Luke 1:31](#))

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4. Isaac is called Abraham's only begotten son ([Heb. 11:17](#); cf. [Gen. 22:2](#)); Jesus is the only begotten Son of God ([John 1:18](#), [3:16](#), [18](#); [1 John 4:9](#))
  5. Isaac was to be offered as a sacrifice ([Gen. 22:1-2](#)); Jesus was offered as the sacrifice for our sins ([Heb. 10:12](#))
  6. Isaac bore the wood he was to be sacrificed on ([Gen. 22:6](#)); Jesus bore the wood of the cross He was to be sacrificed on ([John 19:17-18](#))
  7. Abraham received his son Isaac back, as good as dead, from the dead ([Heb. 11:19](#)); Christ arose! ([1 Cor. 15:3-4](#), [20](#))
- e. Sarah ([Heb. 11:11](#))
- i. See [Gen. 12-23](#)
  - ii. Unable to have children (cf. [Gen. 16:2](#)) and past the age of child-bearing (cf. [Gen. 18:11](#))
  - iii. Nothing is too hard for the LORD (cf. [Gen. 18:14](#))
- f. Isaac ([Heb. 11:20](#))
- i. See [Gen. 27](#)
  - ii. Jacob and Esau became two nations of people: Israel and Edom (cf. [Gen. 25:21-23](#); [Gen. 36](#))
- g. Jacob ([Heb. 11:21](#))
- i. See [Gen. 48](#)
  - ii. Joseph's two sons were Ephraim and Manasseh (cf. [Gen. 41:50-52](#))
- h. Joseph ([Heb. 11:22](#))
- i. See [Gen. 50:24-25](#)
- i. Moses ([Heb. 11:23-29](#))
- i. See [Exod. 2-14](#)
  - ii. The pleasures of sin are temporary; not worth it!
- j. Joshua and the Israelites ([Heb. 11:30](#))
- i. See [Jos. 6](#)
- k. Rahab ([Heb. 11:31](#))

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- i. See [Jos. 2, 6:22-25](#); [Jas. 2:25](#)
- l. Others ([Heb. 11:32-40](#))
  - Gideon (See [Judg. 6-8](#))
  - Barak (See [Judg. 4-5](#))
  - Samson (See [Judg. 13-16](#))
  - Jephthah (See [Judg. 11-12](#))
  - David (See [1 Sam. 16-1 Kgs. 2](#))
  - Samuel (See [1 Sam. 1:1-25:1](#))
  - “subdued kingdoms” = conquered them
  - “stopped the mouths of lions” (cf. [Judg. 14:6](#); [1 Sam. 17:34](#); [Dan. 6:22](#))
  - “quenched the violence of fire” (cf. [Dan. 3:23-28](#))
  - “Women received their dead raised to life again” (cf. [1 Kgs. 17:17-24](#); [2 Kgs. 4:8-37](#))
  - A **better** resurrection (cf. [John 5:28-29](#))
  - “sawn in two” believed to be how Isaiah the prophet died
  - “of whom the world was not worthy” may this be said about you and me!
4. “God having provided something **better** for us” ([Heb. 11:40](#))
  - a. Jesus is a **better** Revelator than the prophets and angels ([Heb. 1:3-2:18](#))
  - b. Jesus is a **better** Mediator than Moses ([Heb. 3:1-19](#))
  - c. Jesus is a **better** Provider of rest than Joshua ([Heb. 4:1-13](#))
  - d. Jesus is a **better** High Priest ([Heb. 4:14-10:18](#))
  - e. We have a **better** covenant founded on **better** promises ([Heb. 8:6](#))
  - f. We have a **better** tabernacle ([Heb. 9:1-11](#))
  - g. We have a **better** sacrifice ([Heb. 9:12-10:18](#))
  - h. We have the **better** way of faith ([Heb. 10:19-13:25](#))
  - i. What a time to be alive!

### Hebrews 12

1. Ultimate example of faith ([Heb. 12:1-2](#))
  - a. so great a cloud of witnesses = all the examples previously mentioned in [Heb. 11](#)
  - b. let us lay aside (*apotithemi* G659) those things are said to be put off or away which any one gives up, renounces (Thayer 69)
  - c. weight (*onkos* G3591) denotes “a bulk or mass”; hence, metaphorically, “an encumbrance, weight,” (Vine 671)
    - i. Like a runner trains with weights, when it is time to run the race all that weight has to be removed
    - ii. Christians are running a race so we must get rid of **anything** that would slow us down (cf. [2 Tim. 4:7](#))
  - d. The sin which so easily ensnares us is unbelief (cf. [Heb. 3:12-19](#); [Rom. 11:19-20](#))
  - e. The Christian race is not a sprint but one of endurance (steadfastness, constancy, a remaining under)
    - i. It will take discipline (cf. [1 Cor. 9:24-27](#))
  - f. Christ is the master example ([Heb. 12:2](#))
    - i. author (*archegos* G747) one that takes the lead in any thing and thus affords an example, a predecessor in a matter (Thayer 77)
    - ii. finisher (*teleiotes* G5051) one who has in his own person raised faith to its perfection and so set before us the highest example of faith (Thayer 619)
    - iii. When we take our eyes off of Jesus we fail (cf. [Matt. 14:28-31](#))
    - iv. Jesus saw the end from the beginning and thus He could have joy even in the cross
      1. Wisdom is seeing the end at the beginning
2. The chastening of the LORD ([Heb. 12:3-17](#))
  - a. Do not give up ([Heb. 12:3-5](#))
    - i. you become weary (*kamno* G2577) cf. [Gal. 6:9](#)
    - ii. discouraged (*eklyo* G1590) to despond, become faint-hearted (Thayer 197) cf. [Heb. 12:5](#)

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- iii. [Pr. 3:11-12](#) cited in [Heb. 12:5-6](#)
- b. Chastening (disciplining) is to be done out of love ([Heb. 12:6](#))
  - i. “He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.” ([Prov. 13:24](#))
- c. Chastening (disciplining) has great benefits ([Heb. 12:7-11](#))
  - i. “Do not withhold correction from a child, For *if* you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, And deliver his soul from hell [Heb. Sheol].” ([Prov. 23:13-14](#))
  - ii. “Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.” ([Prov. 22:15](#))
  - iii. “The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left *to himself* brings shame to his mother.” ([Prov. 29:15](#))
  - iv. Disciplining ultimately makes us partakers of God’s holiness and yields fruit of righteousness ([Heb. 12:11](#); cf. [Isa. 32:17](#); [James 3:17-18](#))
- d. Peace and holiness are essential to seeing God ([Heb. 12:14](#))
  - i. As much as is possible we should live peaceably with all men ([Rom. 12:18](#))
  - ii. The standard of holiness is God (cf. [1 Pet. 1:15-16](#))
- e. “fall short of the grace of God” ([Heb. 12:15](#))
  - i. We can and some did fall short of the grace of God (cf. [Gal. 5:1-4](#))
- f. “profane person like Esau” ([Heb. 12:16-17](#))
  - i. Esau sold his birthright (cf. [Gen. 25:29-34](#))
    - 1. What will a man give in exchange for his soul? (cf. [Mt. 16:26](#))
    - 2. Esau sold his valuable right for a bowl of beans
  - ii. Esau was rejected (cf. [Gen. 27:30-40](#))
    - 1. The birthright was forever gone for him
    - 2. Some decisions we make result in irreversible consequences!
    - 3. Esau was a bitter man (cf. [Gen. 27:41](#))
- 3. The **better** covenant ([Heb. 12:18-24](#))

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- a. “the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire” = Mount Sinai (cf. [Ex. 19:12-18](#))
  - b. “For they could not endure what was commanded” ([Heb. 12:20](#))
    - i. See [Dt. 5:23-30](#)
  - c. “church of the firstborn” ([Heb. 12:23](#))
    - i. of the firstborn (*prototokos* G4416) = the firstborn ([Heb. 1:6](#)) which is a reference to Christ (cf. [Ps. 89:27](#); [Rom. 8:29](#); [Col. 1:15, 18](#); [Rev. 1:5](#))
    - ii. This is a reference to the church of Christ
  - d. registered (*apographo* G583) cf. [Luke 2:1-5](#)
    - i. Is my name registered in the Lamb’s Book of Life? (cf. [Luke 10:20](#); [Rev. 21:27](#))
  - e. “the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of Abel*” ([Heb. 12:24](#))
    - i. The blood of Abel cries for vengeance (cf. [Rev. 6:9-10](#))
    - ii. The blood of Christ brings redemption and forgiveness (cf. [Eph. 1:3-7](#))
4. Listen to God ([Heb. 12:25-29](#))
- a. “if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth” ([Heb. 12:25](#))
    - i. cf. [Heb. 2:1-4](#)
  - b. [Hag. 2:6](#) cited in [Heb. 12:26](#)
  - c. The kingdom of God cannot be shaken thus it is eternal ([Heb. 12:27-28](#); cf. [Dan. 2:44, 7:13-14](#); [2 Sam. 7:8-16](#); [1 Chr. 17:7-14](#))
    - i. Judaism was able to be shaken and it did fall in A.D. 70 (cf. [Matt. 24:1-35](#); [Mark 13:1-31](#); [Luke 21:5-33](#))
  - d. reverence (*aidos* G127) translated as “propriety” in [1 Tim. 2:9](#) meaning a sense of shame or modesty; “*aidos* would **always** restrain a good man from an unworthy act” (Vine 568)
  - e. godly fear (*eulabeia* G2124) reverence towards God, godly fear, piety (Thayer 259)
    - i. “*eulabeia* (εὐλάβεια, 2124) signifies, firstly, “caution”; then, “reverence, godly fear,” [Heb. 5:7](#); [12:28](#), in best mss., “reverence”; in general, “apprehension, but especially holy fear,” “that mingled fear and love which, combined, constitute the piety of man toward God; the OT places its emphasis on the fear, the NT ... on the love,

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though there was love in the fear of God's saints then, as there must be fear in their love now" (Trench, *Syn. Sec.*xlviii). In the Sept., [Josh. 22:24](#); [Prov. 28:14](#)." (Vine 230)

- f. [Deut. 4:24](#) cited in [Heb. 12:29](#) (cf. [Ex. 20:1-7](#), [34:14](#))
  - i. We would do well to meditate on the fact that God is jealous

## Hebrews 13

1. Instruction about morals ([Heb. 13:1-6](#))
  - a. brotherly love (*ho* G3588 *philadelphia* G5360) the love which Christians cherish for each other as 'brethren' (Thayer 653) cf. [1 Thes. 4:9](#); [2 Pet. 1:7](#); [Rom. 12:10](#); [1 Pet. 1:22](#)
  - b. to entertain strangers (*ho* G3588 *philoxenia* G5381) "love of strangers" (*philos*, "loving," *xenos*, "a stranger"), is used in [Rom. 12:13](#); [Heb. 13:2](#), lit. "(be not forgetful of) hospitality (Vine 312)
    - i. Hospitality should be shown toward strangers but also to one another (cf. [1 Pet. 4:9](#))
    - ii. One of the qualifications of a bishop (elder) is to be hospitable ([1 Tim. 3:2](#); [Titus 1:8](#))
    - iii. Hospitality is required of all Christians (cf. [1 Pet. 4:9](#); [Rom. 12:13](#))
  - c. "some have unwittingly entertained angels" (cf. [Gen. 18-19](#))
  - d. Remembering to come to (visit) those in prison is what separated the sheep from the goats ([Heb. 13:3](#); cf. [Matt. 25:36, 43](#))
    - i. We must always remember to practice the golden rule ([Matt. 7:12](#))
    - ii. Many were in prison for following God (cf. [Acts 8:1-3](#), [21:33](#), [26:29](#))
    - iii. are mistreated (*kakoucheo* G2558) from *kakos*, "evil," and *echo*, "to have," signifies, in the passive voice, "to suffer ill, to be maltreated, tormented (Vine 17)
  - e. Marriage is honorable (held in honor, esteemed, especially dear - Thayer 624)
    - i. Only within marriage is the sexual relationship authorized
    - ii. Fornication = any unlawful sexual intercourse whether married or unmarried
    - iii. Adultery = fornication involving married individuals with someone other than their spouse
  - f. Contentment solves a world of struggles with the world ([Heb. 13:5](#))



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- i. Godliness with contentment is great gain ([1 Tim. 6:6](#))
- ii. Having food and clothing should bring contentment ([1 Tim. 6:8](#); cf. [Prov. 30:8-9](#))
- iii. We must learn to be content ([Phil. 4:11-13](#))
- g. On God's side we cannot lose and thus do not fear ([Heb. 13:6](#); cf. [Ps. 27:1](#), [118:6](#))
  - i. "If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?" ([Rom. 8:31](#))
- 2. Instruction about religion ([Heb. 13:7-17](#))
  - a. Remember, obey, submit to, and greet the shepherds ([Heb. 13:7](#), [17](#), [24](#))
    - i. Shepherds should lead such that they can be followed (imitated)
    - ii. obey (*peitho* G3982) to listen to, obey, yield to, comply with (Thayer 497)
    - iii. be submissive (*hypeiko* G5226) "to retire, withdraw" (*hupo*, under, *eiko*, "to yield"), hence, "to yield, submit" (Vine 607)
    - iv. watch out (*agrypneo* G69) to be sleepless, keep awake, watch; to exercise constant vigilance over something (an image drawn from shepherds) (Thayer 9)
    - v. unprofitable (*alysiteles* G255) not covering one's expenses; no help
  - b. Jesus is God ([Heb. 13:8](#); cf. [Mal. 3:6](#); [Rev. 1:4](#), [8](#), [4:8](#), [11:17](#), [16:5](#))
  - c. Warning against false doctrines ([Heb. 13:9](#))
    - i. strange (*xenos* G3581) new, unheard of (Thayer 432); "In Christianity, if it's new it isn't true and if it's true it isn't new"
  - d. Christ is superior to Judaism ([Heb. 13:9b-14](#))
    - i. "an altar" = a reference to Christ's sacrifice which those who hold to the Old Law must forfeit
    - ii. reproach (*ho* G3588 *oneidismos* G3680) act of disparagement that results in disgrace, reproach, reviling, disgrace, insult (BDAG 710) cf. [Rom. 15:3](#); [Heb. 11:26](#); [1 Pet. 4:14](#); [Matt. 5:11-12](#); [Matt. 27:44](#); [Mark 15:32](#); [Luke 6:22-23](#)
    - iii. We can endure hardship because Heaven is our home!
  - e. Spiritual sacrifices ([Heb. 13:15-16](#))
    - i. Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving i.e., singing and prayer

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- ii. Sacrifice of doing good and sharing (communicate *koinonia* KJV) i.e., giving (cf. [Rom. 15:26](#); [2 Cor. 9:13](#) “distribution” KJV)
- 3. Concluding thoughts ([Heb. 13:18-25](#))
  - a. Prayer is powerful and needed ([Heb. 13:18-19](#))
    - i. Never discount prayer
    - ii. Pray without ceasing ([1 Thes. 5:17](#))
    - iii. Peter was released from prison through prayer (cf. [Acts 12:5-17](#))
  - b. Jesus is the Great Shepherd ([Heb. 13:20](#))
  - c. make...complete (*katartizo* G2675) ethically, to strengthen, perfect, complete, make one what he ought to be (Thayer 336)
    - i. We are here to do the will of God ([Ecc. 12:13](#))
    - ii. Only those that do the will of God will go to Heaven (cf. [Matt. 7:21-23](#))
  - d. Be encouraged ([Heb. 13:22](#))
    - i. Stay faithful to God
    - ii. Heaven is worth it all