
HEBREWS, CHAPTER 11

1. What 2 words does verse 1 use to describe faith? (1) _____ (2) _____

2. In order for faith to be substance, what must one do? _____

3. Is faith the evidence of things *not seen* or *seen*? _____ * In spite of our knowledge of this definition of faith, we most often think of faith as a feeling rather than substance. **Substance** is defined as *something real, not imagined; something solid, not empty; something that actually exists rather than being something that is just believed*. Enough faith is given *to every man* by God to be saved (see Romans 12:3). The **gift of faith** is given to men by the Holy Spirit (see I Corinthians 12:9 & 11). The **fruit of the Spirit** includes faith (see Galatians 5:22). Faith is the only substance that is included in both the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The word "**faith**" appears 229 times in the New Testament.

Faith is also defined in Hebrews 11:1 as evidence - **proof** - of the existence of God in one's life. We don't see God with our physical eyes, but we have evidence that He is with us when we have faith. As we study chapter 11, we will see more clearly **the result - the evidence - the substance** - of faith in man's walk with God. Read James 2:18. As we read about the people who had faith, we will see clear evidence of their faith in God by the works that they did. Now read James 2:20. The entire Old Testament would be a book of death if men did not use their faith to do wondrous works!

4. How did the elders obtain a good report? _____ (See verse 39.)

* There is not **one good report** of **anyone** in the Old Testament who did not have faith in God. **Every good report** of men, women, or young people **stems from their faith in God**. Men have their "Halls of Fame". We enter the "Hall of Faith" when we read Hebrews 11 and see great works through people who pleased God by believing His Word and placing their faith in His promises. We **can never** please God by accusing Him of lying, and this is exactly what we are doing when we do not believe His promises, according to verse 6.

5. How do we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God? _____

6. What did Abel have that caused him to offer unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain's? _____ * Abel's faith became the substance of his acceptable offering to God!

7. What did Enoch have that caused him never to die, but to be translated instead? _____ * Every man that had ever been born had died, but Enoch did not believe that he would die - and he didn't!

8. Why couldn't anyone find Enoch on earth? _____

9. What testimony did Enoch have? _____

10. Could he have pleased God without faith? _____

11. What must we believe about God when we come to Him? (1) _____
(2) _____

* **Diligently** means to seek God **steadily; constantly; carefully without ever being negligent or careless**. Read Psalms 119:2 + 105:4; Isaiah 55:6; Jeremiah 29:13; Hosea 10:12; and Jesus' command in Matthew 6:33. **NEVER QUIT SEEKING MORE OF GOD, SAINTS!**

12. What did Noah have that caused him to move with fear and prepare an ark? _____

* Noah lived in a desert! His faith in God's weather report turned into an ark - the substance that saved him and his family while all of the rest of humanity drowned!