

Gaining God's approval through Faith



To whom is the Epistle of Hebrews written? What do we know about them and their “faith condition?”

Hebrews 11 is all about “Faith.”

How does Romans 1:5 define the practice of “Faith?”

List the author's **OBSERVATIONS & EXHORTATIONS** in 10:19-11:40

O: We have confidence to enter the Holy Place by the blood of Jesus.

O: We have a great High Priest over the House of God.

O=Observations

E=Exhortations

*O: Our hearts are sprinkled clean
from an evil Conscience.*

*E: Let Us draw near to God in full
assurance of faith.*

O=Observations E=Exhortations

O: He who promised is faithful.

*E: Let Us hold fast the confession
of our hope without wavering.*

*E: Let Us stimulate one another to
love and good deeds.*

O=Observations

E=Exhortations

*O: As you see the day of Christ's
return drawing near,*

*E: Don't forsake our own
assembling together... encourage
one another*

O=Observations E=Exhortations

O: There is no other means of forgiveness if one goes on willfully sinning.

O: If one rejects Christ's forgiveness, there is only God's judgement.

O=Observations

E=Exhortations

E: Remember the suffering you have already endured as believers in Christ (v. 32)

E: Do not throw away your proven confidence which has great reward. (v. 35)

O=Observations E=Exhortations

E: Endure, do the will of God, and receive what He has promised.

O: Yet a little while Jesus will return and be pleased by our living by faith.

O=Observations

E=Exhortations

O: True faith is the confident obedience to God's Word, no matter what!

O: True faith is the inward assurance that God will keep His Word.

O=Observations

E=Exhortations

For all of Chapter 11

*O: By their faith, previous
believers gained God's approval!*

(11:2)

Summarize in 10-words or less the overall admonition of the passage.

Faith in God and His Word alone gains His Favor.

Focus on what some have called
the “Lettuce Patch.” (10:19-25)

Which of these three “let us”
challenges do you think is most
important? And, WHY?

“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...” (Heb. 10:22)

*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”
(Heb. 10:23)*

“...you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.”

Deuteronomy 4:29

“...I am commanding you... to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and hold fast to Him,

Deuteronomy 11:22

What distinctions (if any) do you see between those who were “dying in faith” (11:4-13) and those who were “living by faith” (11:17-39).

“Dying in Faith” - They believed in God for His rewards yet to come, of life “here-after.”

“Living by Faith” - They believed God for the provision he promised in this life.

Carefully read Hebrews 11 and
record any personal lessons
you learn about how you
might strengthen your faith.

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