

- FAITH, DEFINED AND DISCUSSED -

- (IN CH 10) - "FAITH" IS ESTABLISHED AS ---
THE PRINCIPAL OF SPIRITUAL LIFE ---

QUOTEING HABAKKUK - "THE JUST SHALL
LIVE BY FAITH" -- THE WRITER NOW
VINDICATES THIS TRUTH -- NOT JUST
BY DEFINING IT -- "BUT" -- "BY"

① A DESCRIPTION OF ITS EFFECTS - (1-6)

② A SERIES OF EXAMPLES --- EACH IS
BRILLIANTLY ILLUSTRATING -- (7-40)

"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"

- THIS (CH 11) COULD BE COMPARISON OR A
UNITING OF "JAMES" "BY WORKS A MAN IS
JUSTIFIED" -- WITH "PAULS" - THE JUST SHALL
LIVE BY FAITH" --

BECAUSE:

HERE: SUBSTANCE = (A GUARANTEED POSSESSION
JUSTIFICATION) -

EVIDENCE = (WORK OF FAITH)
"SO"

WE HAVE -- HERE -- STATED:

(CONVICTION) AS A CONFIDENT ASSURANCE -- (A
VISIONARY CONDITION). - WHICH -- GUARANTEES
"A FUTURE POSSESSION" = FAITH

IN THIS TEXT:

FAITH - IS A "CONVICTION" OF THINGS - WHEN
THEY ARE NOT SEEN - NO DOUBT -
[WHAT FAITH RECEIVES - IS] = (MAT 9:29)
"ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH - BE IT OUGHT TO YOU"

FAITH - GIVES SUBSTANCE TO THINGS HOPED
FOR - "SUBSTANCE" - IS THE VERY
IMAGE "REALITY" OF THINGS HOPE FOR -

"SO"

BY FAITH - WE ARE "SURE" OF ETERNAL THINGS
--- WE ARE "CONFIDENT" THEY ARE OURS -
STEPHEN - FULL OF FAITH + POWER = (ACTS 6:8)
(THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH)

THIS IS, THEN:

[MAT 21:21] IF YOU HAVE FAITH & DOUBT NOT -
① THE PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE -

② THE IMPETUS ; ENFORCEMENT OF ; - -
PATIENT ENDURANCE - - ~~CHART~~
FAITH - "PUT INTO ACTION" "TO" "NEVER" -
BE FORSAKEN OR UNFRUITFUL - MAT 21:22

- ALL THINGS - WHATEVER YOU ASK IN PRAYER - FAITH, BECVRING,
-- YE SHALL RECEIVE -

③ LIVING AN ASSUREN' LIFE - IN STABLE
FAITH - WHICH IS SUBSTANTIATED BY A
LIFESTYLE - WHICH IS - THE VERY PROOF
OF THIS FACT - - -

[I AM SAVED - BY A FAITH - THAT RESTS
TOTALLY UPON CHRIST - ALONE]

- THE LIFE I LIVE IS PROOF OF IT -

— THIS REALITY IS THROUGH THE "HOLY SPIRIT" — (JO:15)
(A WITNESS TO US)

WHO ENLIGHTENS — THE SOUL — TO PUT "PERSONAL"
"TRUST" IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST — TO THE FACT
THAT — JESUS + JESUS ALONE CAN SAVE —

— THESE HEBREWS WERE IN DANGER OF FALLING BACK
FROM THIS PRINCIPLE — (38) BUT, PAUL HAD
"CONFIDENCE" IN THEIR FAITH (39) —

PETER TOLD THE SANHEDRIN (ACTS 4:12)
"NEITHER IS THEIR SALVATION IN ANY OTHER;
FOR THERE IS NOT OTHER NAME GIVEN
AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED"

NOW THINGS THAT HAVE "^{THEMSELVES} IN THEMSELVES" — HAVE NO
[FAITH DEFINED] — (1-2) EXISTENCE AS YET —
BECOME REAL AND SUBSTANTIAL — BY OPERATING —
Ⓐ AS ASSURANCE — ① FAITH
"FAITH IS THE ... "TITLE-PAPER"
Ⓑ GIVING SUBSTANCE — MAKING REAL"
"TOTALLY CONFIDENT"

"A FAITH GIVEN SUBSTANCE" — TO UNSEEN
REALITIES — IN THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSION —
(HEAVENLY SPIRITUAL REALITIES) — MAKING
THEM "REAL" + GIVING THEM "FORM" IN ME
"SUBSTANCE":

— THAT CHRIST BE FORMED IN ME —
YOU [GAL 4:19] — [SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING] —
— IN PRACTICAL LIVING —

② GIVING EVIDENCE --
"PUTTING TO THE TEST"
(ESTABLISHING AS PERSONAL CONVICTION)
"EVIDENCE" "OF THINGS" - "NOT"
PHYSICALLY "SEEN" - "HAST THOU FAITH,
HAVE IT TO THYSELF BEFORE GOD"
(ROM 8:24-25) [ROM 14:22]
"FOR WE ARE SAVED BY HOPE" -
WHICH WE SEE NOT - BUT WE DO
WAIT WITH PATIENCE FOR IT"
(THEY ARE VERY REAL BY FAITH)
"THOU STANDEST BY FAITH" - [ROM 10:20]

③ AN APPROVED - ②

"THE ELDERS OBTAINED A GOOD REPORT"
THE ELDERS = VENERABLE FATHERS'
SIMPLY MEN, AS WE ARE BUT
DISTINGUISHED:

BY THIS QUALITY OF FAITH - "THEY
OBTAINED" "A GOOD REPORT" - -
- "NOT IN THIS WORLD" - BUT - FROM "GOD"
"THE DIVINE" = A CONSCIOUS INNER
TESTIMONY -

(A PERSONAL FAITH - EXPRESSING GOD)

II] FAITH DESCRIBED - (6)

(A) THE ACCLAMATION - (IMPOSSIBLE)
"TO PLEASE GOD" ... THIS IS

[THE ABSOLUTE IMPOSSIBILITY OF A PERSON
PLEASEING GOD IN ANY OTHER WAY —]

- THIS IS WHY ALL RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS "THAT"
EMPHASIZE WORKS AS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION
"ARE" DISPLEASING TO GOD —

[IN A (OUR) DAY, OUR AGE, WHEN BELIEF IN
GOD IS RARELY SEEN -- RELIGION STEPS IN —]

(B) THE APPROACH - (COME TO GOD)
"MUST BELIEVE"

① HE IS —
(THERE IS A TRUE & LIVING GOD) — —
-(A ESSENTIAL FACT) —

→ THE BIBLE DOES NOT SEEK TO PROVE GOD
SIMPLY STATES — HE IS —

② HE REWARDS — (THOSE WHO)
"DILIGENTLY" = "CONSTANT" + "EARNEST" — —
WITH EFFORT —
"SEEK HIM" = "EXPECTING" FROM HIM — —
WHAT HE PROMISED & PROVIDES —

© THE APPREHENSION -

- THE SIMPLE OPERATION OF FAITH -

① EPH 3:12 - OPERATION:
WHEN "IN WHOM WE HAVE BOLDNESS" BY FAITH
② GOD SPEAKS, WE HEAR - (BOLDNESS)

FAITH: FREEDOM FROM ALL APPREHENSION... & FROM ALL DOUBT... THAT WE MAY BE REJECTED

③ WE HEAR AND ACT UPON IT -
REGARDLESS OF:

- CIRCUMSTANCES OR CONSEQUENCES -

A TRUE HEART.. IN FULL ASSURANCE -
OF FAITH - [E0:23]

"FAITH IS REALITY" - "OUR STAND"

④ WE TRUST HIM + BELIEVE THAT
"GOD"

WILL DO WHAT IS RIGHT & BEST

FOR ALL - [J2:2] FOR JESUS IS THE
AUTHOR AND FINISHER - OF OUR FAITH -
[GOD PROVIDES THE FAITH]

⑤ THIS IS THE EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE
OF A "GOD-GIVEN" FAITH IN
OUR HEARTS -

THE EFFECTS: (1-2, 6)

THE EXAMPLES: (3-5, 7-40)

HEB 11:1-12

- FAITH'S HALL OF FAME - "THE EXAMPLES"
THE EXAMPLES BEFORE THE PATRIARCHS - ABRAHAM

THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE - ③

"THE MAN OF FAITH" STANDS ON "CREATION"
OF THE WORLD BY GOD;
AS THE SCRIPTURE SAYS = (GOD SPOKE)

[IN THE FIRST CHAPTER OF GENESIS:
GOD IS MENTIONED BY NAME
32 TIMES IN 31 VERSES]

NO WONDER SATAN HATES THIS ACCOUNT
OF CREATION -- & -- DECREDITS IT IN THE
MINDS OF MEN -

HERE:

[THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS US INTO THE VERY
PRESENCE OF GOD -]

① IF THE HOLY SPIRIT CANNOT BE TRUSTED
WHEN HE TELLS OF CREATION -- HOW CAN
HE BE TRUSTED WHEN HE TELLS OF
SALVATION -

② WHAT HE, (HOLY SPIRIT), SAYS ABOUT EARTH IS
QUESTIONED -- SO CAN WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT
HEAVEN -- IN REVELATION -

[IT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FAITH]

GOD DOES NOT ESTABLISH WHEN HE CREATED THE UNIVERSE -- JUST THE FACT THAT HE DID IT -- "IN THE BEGINNING" --

GENESIS DOES NOT ARGUE WITH THE CLAIM "THE EARTH IS VERY OLD" -- IT SIMPLY STATES "IN THE BEGINNING" -- GOD CREATED IT.

ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO RECONCILE GENESIS AND GEOLGY --

WHO ESTIMATE THE EARTH TO BE OVER ~ 2 BILLION YEARS OLD --

① THE DAY-AGE THEORY -

DAYS ARE VIEWED AS AGES OR VAST PERIODS OF TIME -- THUS -- RECONCILING GENESIS WITH GEOLOGY --

② THE GAP THEORY -

GENESIS 1:1 RECORDS THE ORIGINAL CREATION -- THEN A PERIOD OF TIME -- REIGN COUNTLESS AGES -- ENDING IN GLACIAL AGE --

THEN

vs 2 = THEN THE ACCOUNT OF THE 6 DAYS
OF GOD MAKING IT HABITABLE FOR LIFE --

SAYAN
(1&14:12)

→ MAN & 6 DAY CREATION

③ THE REVELATION THEORY -

THE DAYS ARE LITERALLY 24 HOURS -- BUT
THEY ARE DAYS IN THE LIFE OF MOSES -

= IN 6 DAYS GOD REVEALED TO MOSES THE TRUTHS
CONCERNING CREATION -- AND ON EACH OF
THOSE DAYS -- MOSES RECORDED THE REVELATION
GIVEN TO HIM ON THAT DAY -

WHICH
SATISFIES THE DEMANDS OF LITERAL HEBRAIST
FOR A 24 HOUR DAY -- AND SCIENTIST WHO
REQUIRE LONG PERIODS OF TIME FOR
THE FORMATION OF EARTH -

IN ANY CASE -- (HEB II:3) STATES:
BY FAITH = WE ACCEPT AS THE TRUTH --
THAT -- IN THE BEGINNING -- GOD MADE
THE "WORLDS" III

① THEY WERE PREPARED BY HIS WORD --
"CREATE" -- SPOKEN WORD --
"RAMAH"

② THE WORLDS WERE MADE FROM THINGS
NOT VISIBLE --
NOT OF WHAT WE SEE --
FOR IT WAS SPOKEN INTO EXISTENCE --

③ BY FAITH -- WE UNDERSTAND THIS --

II] WE SEE THE PRIMEVAL AGE - (4-7)

THREE WITNESS ARE MENTIONED AS EXAMPLES OF FAITH -

- "ABEL" -- FAITH AT WORSHIP -
- "ENOCH" -- FAITH WALKING IN FELLOWSHIP -
- "NOAH" -- FAITH WITNESSED -

① ABEL - WORSHIPPING FAITH - ④

- AT THE CENTER IS 2 APPROACHES TO GOD -

FAITH OR FALSE RELIGION
(ABEL) (CAIN)

① CAIN - (A RELIGION OF GOOD WORKS & HUMAN MERIT)

- HE OFFERED THE FRUIT OF THE LAND WHICH HE LABORED & TOILED OVER -

(SELF-EFFORT)

THE BASIS OF HIS OWN WORKS -- WHICH IS STATED IN (JUDE, 11) AS:

"THE WAY OF CAIN" -- "REJECTED"

② ABEL - (BY FAITH, HE OFFERED A BLOOD SACRIFICE TO GOD)

HIS OFFERING WAS ACCEPTED AS "EXCELLENT" -- BECAUSE IT "PORTRAYED" "CALVARY"

Ⓐ ABEL - WORTHY FAITH -

CAIN ... TRIED TO APPROACH GOD - BASED ON
HIS OWN WORKS -

ABEL - APPROACHED GOD ON THE BASIS OF
FAITH - "ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD"
BLOOD SACRIFICE --- + "GOD" BORE
WITNESS OF HIS "ACCEPTING" &
"ACKNOWLEDGING" - - -

- HE OBTAIN THE WITNESS OF BEING "RIGHTEOUS"
"SO" (HIS BLOOD YET TESTIFIES BEFORE GOD)
"BY FAITH - SO BE IT"

Ⓑ ENOCH - "WALKING FAITH"

(AN UPRIGHT WALK WITH GOD)

- ALWAYS LEADS TO HEAVEN - GOD'S HOUSE -
- ENOCH WAS MIDWAY BETWEEN THE "FALL"
& THE FLOOD -

① THE FRUIT OF HIS FAITH - (HE WAS TRANSLATED)

② THE FORCE OF HIS FAITH - (HE PLEASED GOD)

③ THE FEATURE OF HIS FAITH - (HE WALKED WITH GOD)

- SAME STEP, SAME PACE, SAME PATH -

① NOAH - "WITNESSING FAITH" - ⑦

- WHEN GOD FIRST SPOKE TO NOAH - ABOUT THE FLOOD ~ UNTIL IT CAME - APPROXIMATELY 100 yrs PASSED -
(TOTAL CORRUPTION)
 - WATCH EVIL MEN & SEDUCERS WAXING WORSE -
(LIKE TODAY)
 - SOME BELIEVE IT HAS NEVER RAINED ON EARTH
WHICH MADE IT ALL THE MORE UNLIKELY -
"YET"
- NOAH -- "BY FAITH" BELIEVED & OBEYED -

② NOAH HEDED THE WORDS OF GOD - ⑦c

- HE WAS WARNED OF GOD OF "THINGS" -
NOT YET SEEN -

FLOOD &
JUDGEMENT

② NOAH RESPONDED BY THE FEAR OF GOD - ⑦c

"MOVED BY FEAR" - HE PREPARED AN ARK
FOR THE "SAVING OF HIS HOUSE"
(HE DID ALL THAT GOD COMMANDED HIM)

③ NOAH WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS SERVICE - ⑦c

BY FAITH - HE STAYED THE COURSE & BUILT
THE ARK - "CONDAMNING THE WORLD"

④ NOAH WAS MADE A CHILD OF GOD - ⑦d

HE BECAME HEIR OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IT
IS - BY FAITH - "YOU ALONE ARE RIGHTEOUS" GEN 7:1
SALVATION HAD BEEN - PROVINED & PROCLAIMED
BY SAVING FAITH - WHICH - HAS BEEN
DEMONSTRATED

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