

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 11:4-7

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ **DAY 1**

Read Hebrews 11:4-7

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

4 By faith

Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain,
through which he was attested to be righteous,
God testifying about his gifts,
and through faith, though he is dead,
he still speaks.

5 By faith

Enoch was taken up
so that he would not see death;

AND HE WAS NOT FOUND

BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP;

for before he was taken up,

he was attested to have been pleasing to God.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*,

for the one who comes to God must believe that He exists,
and *that* He proves to be One who rewards those who seek Him.

7 By faith

Noah,

being warned by God about things not yet seen,
in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household,
by which he condemned the world,
and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

1. What do you think is the reason the author includes these many examples of faith here in Hebrews 11?
Hint: Look back at Hebrews 6:11-12 and 10:39.

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2. How does this week's passage connect to the argument of Hebrews 11:1-3?
3. Read Genesis 4:1-16. What was the nature of Abel's sacrifice to the Lord? What about Cain's?
4. How did Abel's offering compare to Cain's, according to v. 4?
5. In what way was Abel's offering a "better sacrifice?"
6. How was Abel's offering an expression of faith in God?
7. What does v. 4 tell us was the result of Abel's pleasing offering to the Lord?

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8. Look back to Genesis 4:10. What language of 4:10 is similar to that of Hebrews 11:4?

9. What does it mean that Abel still speaks today, through faith? What is Abel saying to us through his example of faith?

❖ **DAY 2**

Read Hebrews 11:4-7 again.

10. Read Genesis 5:21-24. What does it mean that God took Enoch?

11. Why does v. 5 say that Enoch was taken up?

12. What happened before he was taken up?

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13. What is it “impossible” to do without faith, according to verse 6?
14. What two things must each person who “comes to God” believe?
15. Why does it require faith to believe those two things?
16. In what ways does God reward those who seek Him? What do those rewards look like?
17. Think back to the context of the book of Hebrews. Why did the audience of this letter need to be reminded that God rewards those who seek Him?

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18. How have you personally seen God to be “One who rewards those who seek Him?”

❖ **DAY 3**

Read Hebrews 11:4-7 again.

19. What did Noah do after receiving this warning from God according to v. 7?

20. How, does v. 7 tell us, Noah constructed the ark? What does that mean?

21. How is Noah’s construction of the ark an example of great faith in God? How does this connect back to verse 1 of Hebrews 11?

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22. What does it mean that Noah “condemned the world” through his preparation of the ark?

23. What does it mean that Noah “became an heir to the righteousness?”

24. Where in your life are you trusting in something God has said, but you do not presently see? How is Noah’s example of faith instructive and encouraging to you?

This week, thank God for the countless examples of faithful people throughout Scripture. Pray that we might learn from their example and model faithfulness for one another in the church. Thank God for the promise that He is One who rewards those who seek Him and withholds no good thing from us.