

# HEBREWS

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## Lesson 5: Faith that Pleases

- ❖ To Hebrew Christians fatigued by persecution
- ❖ Jesus: Final Messenger
- ❖ Jesus: Greater than the prophets
- ❖ Jesus: Greater than the angels

- ❖ Exhortation & warning
  - ❖ Heed His words, or drift away
  - ❖ Worse punishment for unfaithful than OT
- ❖ Jesus: Made a little lower than angels
  - ❖ High priest, captain of our salvation
  - ❖ Flesh & blood; temptation, suffering, & death

- ❖ Jesus: Greater than Moses
  - ❖ Apostle & high priest
  - ❖ The Son greater than the servant
- ❖ Beware unbelief
  - ❖ The fathers fell short of God's rest
  - ❖ Rest still awaits the faithful

- ❖ Jesus: Greater than Aaron/Levi
  - ❖ Without sin
  - ❖ Appointed by God
- ❖ Rebuke and encouragement
  - ❖ Admonition for spiritual immaturity
  - ❖ “Confident of better things concerning you”

- ❖ God assured Abram (and us) with an oath
- ❖ Jesus: Order of Melchizedek
  - ❖ Greater than Abraham, Levi
  - ❖ Priesthood by oath of God, not law/lineage
  - ❖ Always lives
- ❖ Jesus: Better sacrifice than bulls & goats

- ❖ Jesus: Better covenant/testament
  - ❖ Our God, His people
  - ❖ God's laws in minds & hearts
  - ❖ All know God
  - ❖ Full, eternal atonement

# HOLD FAST WITHOUT WAVERING

ENTER THE HOLIEST BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS

- ❖ Press forward, do not draw back (10:19–39)
  - ❖ **Enter** the Holiest with boldness (10:19; cf. 9:8)
  - ❖ **Draw near** with a true heart (10:22)
  - ❖ **Hold fast** the confession of hope (10:23)
  - ❖ **See** the day approaching (10:24, 25)
  - ❖ Warning for those who *draw back* (10:37, 38)

# BY FAITH

THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR

- ❖ Argumentation section concluded
- ❖ Metaphor for faith (11:1)
  - ❖ What it does for those who possess it
  - ❖ Not blind: Prior evidence → trust in promises
    - ❖ Faith comes by ... (Rom 10:17)
      - ❖ Hearing, Word of God
      - ❖ **Not** dreams, wishes, desires, traditions, etc.
      - ❖ **Not** just any promise, but those in God's word

# BY FAITH

THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR

- ❖ What must we believe to please God? (11:6)
  1. God **is**, and
  2. He **rewards** those who **diligently seek** Him
- ❖ God is great: We stand in awe (Ps 33:8, 9)
- ❖ God is good: We love Him (Jas 1:17, 18; 1Jn 4:19)

# BY FAITH

THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR

- ❖ What kinds of words follow “by faith ...”?
  - ❖ Abel **offered** (11:4)
  - ❖ Noah **prepared** (11:7)
  - ❖ Abraham **obeyed** (11:8)
  - ❖ Moses **refused, chose, endured** (11:24, 26, 27)
  - ❖ Faith → **Action**

# BY FAITH

THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR

- ❖ What is the “good testimony” in 11:2?
  - ❖ **Not** the story of one’s own spiritual journey
  - ❖ A **timeless honor** by God Almighty (11:16)

# BY FAITH

THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR

- ❖ What does Abel's blood still say? (11:4)
  - ❖ Offer the worship God has asked for (Gen 4:3–5)
  - ❖ God accepts the new, rejects the old
  - ❖ Careful what you offer as worship

# BY FAITH

THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR

- ❖ How did Noah demonstrate his faith? (11:7)
  - ❖ Prepared an ark (Gen 6)
  - ❖ Prepared for the as-yet unseen (11:7)
  - ❖ The unseen greater than the visible (11:3)
  - ❖ Look to the unseen, not the visible

# BY FAITH

THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR

- ❖ Why did Abraham live in a foreign land? (11:8–16)
  - ❖ Waited for a city built by God (11:10)
  - ❖ Died without receiving the promises (11:13)
  - ❖ “I am the God of ...” (11:16)
  - ❖ Depart your nation for the eternal