

The Description of Faith

Hebrews 11:01–06

1 *The meaning of faith*

- a. Being sure of one's hope
- b. Being certain of the unseen

2 *The reward of faith: God's approval*

3 *The basic understanding of faith: God made the world*

4 *The spiritual power of faith*

- a. Illustration by Abel:
The power to be counted righteous

- b. Illustration by Enoch:
The power to walk with God and to be delivered from death

5 *The necessary beliefs of faith*

- a. Must believe that God exists
- b. Must believe that God rewards the earnest seeker

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.