

HEBREWS 11; December 6; 16 Named to the Hall of Faith

ANALYSIS:

1. How is faith related to our belief in Creation? _____

2. Without faith what is impossible? _____
3. Which of the 16 named O. T. saints does the Lord give the most verses to? _____
4. Who chose to suffer with the people of God rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin? _____
5. Whose name is in the "hall of faith" who is described as having been a sinner? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The first two sons of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, brought offerings to the LORD (Gen 4:3-5). God accepted Abel's sacrifice of the firstlings and fat of his flock -- it involved the shedding of atoning blood and spoke of Abel's faith and obedience to God's revelation that a sinner needed the interposition of an acceptable substitute (v 4; Gen 3:21; Heb 9:22). God rejected Cain's offering of the fruit of the cursed ground (Gen 3:17) -- for it was without faith, without blood and was the presentation of his own idea and works. Abel's was "a more excellent sacrifice" because it pleased God. Abel thereby secured God's declaration that he was righteous. His sacrifice pointed to the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name." May we always boldly declare this truth in singing and in testimony. Whenever we talk about heaven, dying, departed loved ones or life after death, let us exalt the blood of Christ as the only foundation for anyone's hope for the forgiveness of his sins and being given eternal life.

HELP:

1. By faith we understand the worlds were framed by the word of God (v 3).
2. To please God (v 6).
3. Abraham (vs 8-19, less verse 11 which is about Sara).
4. Moses (v 25).
5. The harlot Rahab (v 31).