

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

How to Walk in Faith That Prevails

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Hebrews 10:35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

Hebrews 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

Hebrews 10:37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.

Hebrews 10:38-39 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM. **39** But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

- Here is the word of the Lord
- We Have Need of Endurance

Endurance -*hoop-om-on-ay*: To stand under

- No matter who you are, or what you are believing God for
- You have need of endurance
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- Endurance comes from the Greek word to stand under
- We endure, we stand, so that we will not fall
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- Having done all to stand, stand
- There is no plan "B"
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- He who endures to the end shall see the salvation of the Lord

Hebrews 10:37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY. **38** BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of [things] hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Now faith is: it is defined by the very next word

- Assurance, Substance, is almost identical to the word used for endurance

Assurance- *hoop-os'-tas-is*: Is the compound of two words, setting (planting, foundation) and under.

Assurance: The ability to stand under with confidence

- So faith is the ability to be set under something with confident assurance you will prevail

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

In this one verse of scripture the circle of faith is revealed:

1. We come to God by faith.
2. By faith we believe everything He says about Himself, and everything He declares about us.
3. From that moment in time where we believe, until that moment in time we come face to face with Him, when we receive our eternal reward,
4. We seek Him out, we prepare ourselves, we search His word, we spend our lives in a constant state of enquiring of the Lord, that we might know Him, and stay in step with Him, walking in those steps He has prepared for each of us to walk in

Psalm 37:23 AMP - The steps of a [good and righteous] man are directed and established by the LORD, And He delights in his way [and blesses his path].

Psalm 37:23-25 AMP - The steps of a [good and righteous] man are directed and established by the LORD, And He delights in his way [and blesses his path]. **24** When he falls, he will not be hurled down, Because the LORD is the One who holds his hand and sustains him. **25** I have been young and now I am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous (those in right standing with God) abandoned Or his descendants pleading for bread.

The Circle of Faith:

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith;...

- Throughout the word of God, the number 5 represents grace
- Here in the book of Hebrews, chapter 11
- We see the circle of faith perfectly laid out before our eyes through the first Five patriarchs of faith listed in the famous Hall of Faith registry.
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- Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah each represent one fifth of the circle of faith.
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- When you put their lives together in order you see the will of God for each and everyone of us perfectly laid out for us to follow.

Remember:

Hebrews 10:36 For you have need of endurance, *so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.*

- In the live of these Five patriarchs the will of God is laid out for each of us to follow if we also are to receive our promises.

The Circle of Faith Revealed:

Abel: a better sacrifice

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, ...

Sacrifice- *thusia*: denotes the act of offering

- **This begins with faith in the offering of Christ on the cross**
- **Abel, understood what Cain did not, without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins**
- **We start the circle of faith with our faith in the shed blood of Jesus as being the way for the remission of our sins and the beginning of our walk in faith**
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- **From the moment of sins are forgiven we now begin the process of laying down our lives as a holy sacrifice unto God-**
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- **This is True worship...**

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, [which is] your spiritual service of worship.

- **True worship produces a life defined by the sacrifice of the service of faith**

Philippians 2:17 (Paul says to the Philippians) But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering *upon the sacrifice and service of your faith,...*

- **Part of this service of faith includes material sacrifices for the furtherance of God's kingdom**

Philippians 4:18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, *an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.*

- **This first cycle of faith causes us to sacrifice for the benefit of others**

Hebrews 13:16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

- **As we mature in this first cycle of faith our sacrifices become spiritual sacrifices bring us into the Holy Priesthood of God**

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Enoch: walked with God

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

Genesis 5:24 Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Walk- *halak*- to go

- **In other words, Enoch actually fulfilled the phrase, “to go with God”**
- **It means to walk in step with God, and not to draw back or fall behind**

Hebrews 10:38-39 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM....

- **In this cycle of the circle of faith, we find ourselves walking in the unity of the Spirit in harmony with the will and purpose of God**

Noah: Noah prepared for the coming of the promise of the Lord and for the salvation of his family.

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned [by God] about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household,... and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

- **In this cycle of the circle of faith, we will find that the steps which the Lord has prepared for us will bring us to a place of maturity**
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- **That is, a place where we will find ourselves investing time and effort in our spiritual growth**
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- **We like Noah, will prepare for the coming of the Lord and the fulfilment of His promises by applying ourselves to things like prayer, reading of the word,**
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- **And by placing ourselves under the watchful care, feeding, and protection of the fivefold ministry**
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- **We do this so that we also will become a witness to the saving of our families and those around us.**

Abraham: Abraham obeyed the Lord.

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

- **In this cycle of the circle of faith we don't have to have all the answers, we just have to obey**
- **No matter what, no matter how**
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- **Our lives are not our own – if we are still the one calling all the shots in our life than we have not made it to this cycle of the circle of faith,**
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- **And our faith will not be found complete**

James 2:19-22 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe--and shudder! **20** Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? **21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?

James 2:22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and **faith was completed by his works;** (By his obedience)

- **We need like Enoch, to walk side by side with the Lord, and like Abraham, we need to always obey Him so that our faith will be made complete**

Sara: Sara received the promise

Hebrews 11:11 *By faith even Sarah herself received* ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

➤ **In this, the final cycle in the circle of faith, the promise, no matter what you are waiting on, is received**

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A better sacrifice, walking with God, preparing yourself in the faith, obeying God, will always cause you to receive