

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen .

Hebrews 11 v

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There is a danger that we can become blasé about fundamental truth.

1/ The Substance of things!

A diligent man:

The slothful man roasted not that which he took in hunting, but the substance of a diligent man is precious. Proverbs 12 v 27

The Prodigal son:

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. Luke 15 v 13

For ye had compassion on me in my bonds and took joyfully the despoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in Heaven a better and an enduring substance. Hebrews 10 v 34

We all love to feel the earth in our hands.

To let the sand on the beach run through our fingers:

God created us so that we can feel the tiniest fragment of a splinter before it becomes septic.

We can feel the tiniest stone in our shoe or sandal.

2/ Things hoped for?

The desires of thine heart?

Delight thyself in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart;

Psalm 37 by 4

And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Isaiah 65 v 24.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

Psalm 31 v 24

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope. Psalm 16 v 9

3/ The Evidence of things not seen.

I love evidence!

Men have been hanged and judgment has been metered out because of the overwhelming evidence set before the court.

The jury have an easy task when the evidence is substantial!

God will judge unrepentant sinners because of the evidence..

The Books will be opened

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Revelation 20 v 12

And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20 v15

Jesus said,

Depart from me ye workers of iniquity I never knew you!! Matthew 7 v 23

The faith Chapter. Hebrews 11

All these things happened unto them as examples unto us. 1 Corinthians 10 v11

By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice. Hebrews 11 v 4

The widows mite cost her all!!

and He saw also a certain poor widow casting therein two mites; Luke 21 v 2
And He said, "In truth I say unto you that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all. Luke 21 v 3

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God gave us heavens best and He was the sacrificial Lamb. John 3 v 18

Enoch was translated. Hebrews 11 v 5

His testimony

John on Patmos for the word of God and testimony of Jesus. Revelation 1 v 9

Does your testimony have life changing power?

Do you use it?

What you don't use you lose!!!

Faith. As a reward. Hebrews 11 v 6

Rewards to overcomers

Rewards to those who are faithful over a few things

Faith as a Warning !

Noah was warned of God. Hebrews 11 v 7

We are often warned of God. Matthew 2 v 12 also v 22

Laban the Syrian was warned: Genesis 31 v 24 Ge 31:24

Warn the righteous , warn the unrighteous. Ezekiel 3 v 17-23

The LORD hath chastened me sorely, but He hath not given me over unto death.

Psalm 118 v 18

Chastisements is not punitive (punishment) but remedial

For our profit

That you may be partakers of His Holiness. Hebrews 12 v 10

Faith leads us to Obedience.

Abraham obeyed God

Jesus learned obedience through the things which he suffered. Hebrews 5 v 8

Often only way we learn is through suffering. Paul Acts 9 v 16

Sara through faith was strengthened to conceive a child. Hebrews 11 v 9

To have a baby at age 90?

Gods promise I will; strengthen thee . Isaiah 41 v 10

As thy days are so shall thy strength be: Deuteronomy 33 v 25

And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear: Isaiah 65 v 24

Do we believe it That's where faith come s in!!!

These all died in Faith; Hebrews 11 v 13
not having obtained?

Prove me now saith the Lord: Malachi 3 v 10
According to your faith be it unto you!

Faith of Abraham. Hebrew 11 v 17

Take now thine only son whom thou lovest
Abraham believed God ; Hebrew 11 v 19
Not only that he could raise up Isaac but that he would because he trusted.
Trust is deeper and the next stage after Faith.

Isaacs Blessings: Hebrews 11 v 20

The wells of water were stopped by the Philistines
He dug again. Genesis 26 v 18

Jacob prophesied by faith- Hebrews 11 v 21

Moses Parents had faith in God; Hebrews 11 v 23
No Bible. No Church. No Jesus

Moses Faith in choosing affliction; Hebrews 11 v 25
Who will choose affliction?

A man I knew struggled with God in prayer. Like Jacob who wrestled with God.
His hip was put out as he asked God for the same gift as Jacob.
I will not let thee go unless thou bless me. Genesis 32 v 26

Elijah called the fire down but it was only at thy Word...

He had faith to build the altar to instruct that the barrels of water be poured out
and to believe God that the fire would fall.

And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening oblation, that Elijah
the prophet came near, and said, O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and
of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy
servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. 1 Kings 18 v 36