

Hebrews Chapter 11: Introduction, Abel, Enoch and Noah

Sunday, August 15 / Wednesday, August 18

Class Topic and Date: Introduction, Abel and Enoch (Sunday, August 15)

References: Hebrews 11: 1 – 6; Genesis 4: 1 – 12; 1 John 3: 11 – 12; Genesis 5: 21 – 24; 2 Corinthians 5: 7

- How is faith defined in Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, and how would you describe faith in your own words?
- In Hebrews 11: 4, what does it mean that God testified about Abel's gifts and that through his faith, even after his death, he still speaks to us?
- From Genesis 4: 3 – 5, how did Cain and Abel's offerings differ and how did God's response to their offerings differ?
- Although we are not told specifically in the Genesis account why God had no regard for Cain's offering, what insight does 1 John 3: 11 – 12 provide?
- What do we learn about Enoch's faith, and its result, in Hebrews 11: 5 – 6? Also, if we are to be pleasing to God as Enoch was, what must we acknowledge by our faith?
- How is Enoch described in Genesis 5: 21 – 24, and how is he unique from the other men referenced in that chapter? (see also 2 Corinthians 5: 7)

Class Topic and Date: Noah (Wednesday, August 18)

References: Hebrews 11: 7; Genesis 6 – 9; Matthew 24: 37 – 39; 2 Peter 2: 4 – 9

- According to Hebrews 11: 7, how did Noah respond to God's warning, and what does that response indicate about his faith? Also, how did Noah's faith "condemn the world"?
- How does Genesis 6: 5 – 8 describe the attitudes and actions of people in the world at that time, what was God's reaction, and what stood out about Noah? (see also Matthew 24: 37 – 39 and 2 Peter 2: 4 – 9)
- What was the first act of Noah following the flood (Genesis 8: 20 – 21) and what was God's response?
- In Genesis 9: 8 – 11, what is the covenant that God establishes with Noah?