

Faith, a Broad Term; or Hebrews, a Book of Comparisons

The application of **faith is different** to everyone. Faith is a **broad** term.

We all have faith: setting and alarm, turning on the water, driving, sitting, calling, lights on...

Faith:

Romans 10.17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Revelation 14.12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

James 2.21-22 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? ²² Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

- “The human suppliant lays hold upon the power of Infinite Love.” GW 259.2
- “Through faith we receive the grace of God; but faith is not our Saviour. It earns nothing. It is the hand by which we lay hold upon Christ, and appropriate His merits, the remedy for sin.” DA 175.4
- “It is the means, not the end.” 6BC 1073.9
- “It is simply taking God at his word; it is believing that God will do just as he has promised.” ST September 9, 1889, par. 2

Considering the chapters of **Hebrews** in regards to comparisons:

1. Son of God with angels
2. Christ with man
3. Christ with Moses and Israel
4. Christ with the rest that Israel should have gotten in Canaan
 1. Christ with the High Priest
5. His life and calling and our life and calling
6. Church experience compared to the hope that was set before them
7. Ministry of Aaron compared to that of Melchizedek
 1. Levites with Christ
 2. Life of the priests compared to Christ’s life
8. Heavenly sanctuary compared to the earthly
9. Earthly sacrifice compared to the heavenly
10. Shadows and sacrifices compared to the reality

Does one have a **better faith with a different outcome in life**?

Abel – 11.4 – **died** a young age, he was found **dead**, pleased God (Gen. 4.1-15)

Enoch – 11.5 – **hasn’t died** yet, he was found **living**, please God (Gen. 5.24)

Noah – 11.7 – **Told** of things in the future / Told to **build** a house for his family / Called to **save** his family / **Condemned** the world / Told to take his family to **a place known** / Build something **without foundations** (Gen. 6)

Abram – 11.8-19 – **Not told** of things in the future / Told to **leave** his house with his family / Called to **kill** his family / **saved** the world / Told to take his family to **a place unknown** / Looked for a city **with foundations** (Gen. 12-22)

(The first 4 people in Hebrews 11 equal end times situations. 1. Able, mark of the beast; 2. Enoch, translation of the living; 3. Noah, as it was in the days of Noah; 4. Abraham, come out of her my people.) Seven Patriarchs mentioned from the book of Genesis (Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph) – Time would fail us if we spoke of Gideon, Samson, Jephthae, Barak.

Isaac – 11.20 – He **blessed his children**, blessed the **deceiver**, **didn't know who** he was blessing (Gen. 27.19-30)

Jacob – 11.21 – He blessed **another man's children**, blessed the **deceived**, **knew who** he was blessing (blessed Joseph's sons, Gen. 48.14-18; blessed Pharaoh, Gen. 47.7)

Joseph – 11.22 – Told he would **go into Egypt** / Went from a **popper to a prince** / Chose to be **under Pharaoh** / his **remains** taken to the **earthly Promised Land** / Rachel bore for him when God opened her womb, an **unusual child** (Gen. 37-50)

Moses – 11.23-29 – Told to **come up out of Egypt** / Went from a **prince to a popper** / Chose **not to be under Pharaoh** / his **remains** taken to the **Heavenly Promised Land** / he was an **unusual child** (Exo. 1-6, Jude 1.9)

Israel – 11.30 – the Children of Israel **delivered while faithful** (Jos. 6)

Rahab – 11.31 – a harlot and liar **delivered while unfaithful** (Jos. 6.22-25)

Romans 10.17 – “Faith comes by hearing...”