

Hebrews 11: Can I Trust God? Can God Trust Me?

Part 2: Being Sure of What We Hope For (11:1-3)

REVIEW: We framed this journey around one crucial question *we will all answer somehow*: **Can I Trust God**...with everything in my life?

That is a huge question, an honest one, a valuable one. It captures the *journey of the Christian life*, what we call the journey of faith.

Hebrews 11 addresses this question through presenting us with people like us, who determined to say an unequivocal ‘yes’ to trusting God at very high-stakes moments in their lives.

We began last week with the end in mind:

These were all commended for their **TRUST**, yet *not one of them* received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us, so that only **TOGETHER** with us would they be **made PERFECT**.

Hebrews 11:39-40

Even their great faith could not achieve the full realization of the promise until something happened which completed and perfected their faith:

Because by one sacrifice He has **made PERFECT forever**
all those who are being made holy!

Hebrews 10:14

Looking unto Jesus, the Author and **PERFECTER** of our **TRUST**, who for the **JOY** set before Him *endured* the **CROSS**, *scorning* its shame—and sat down at the right hand of **GOD**!

Hebrews 12:3

The fullest answer to life is found by trusting what Jesus endured on the Cross for us, when He scorned its extreme pain and shame, for the joy of saving us from a power we could not and cannot save ourselves from.

By faith we understand that the universe was *formed at God’s command*, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:3

“In the beginning God created...” [Genesis 1:1].
John 1:3-4 adds: “Through Him all things were made, without Him nothing would exist in all creation.”

We are asked to trust that everything that exists, the entire material universe came into existence *ex nihilo*—out of nothing, by the Word of God. Can we?

- April, 1992: The Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) satellite confirmed **the Big Bang Theory**.
- September, 2003, Francis Collins and his team at NIH (**Human Genome Project**) finished mapping the complexity of the human DNA molecule.
- July 4, 2012, the research team under Fabiola Giannotti at the Large Hadron Collider affirmed the existence of “*the God-particle*,” **the Higgs Boson**.

Now faith [TRUST] is being sure of **what we HOPE for** and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

Hebrews 11:1-2

...while we wait for the **blessed HOPE**—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us.

Titus 2:11-13

Our hope is not our escape from this world, but our **LORD’s** return to this world, not in our disappearing from earth after death to heaven, but in the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior from heaven to end death.

For we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit... wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

For in **this HOPE** we were saved.

Romans 8:23-24.

I stand on trial because of **my HOPE** in the resurrection of the dead.

I have the **same HOPE** in God as these men: that there will be a resurrection...

Acts 23:6; 24:15

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. After my skin is destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I, not another.

How my heart yearns within me!

Job 19:25-27