



HEBREWS 11 PART 2

The Baseline of Biblical Faith: Worship, Walk, and Work.

Before the existence of the nation of Israel, before the Exodus, and long before Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai, God established the baseline for how humanity must approach Him. In Hebrews 11:4–7, the writer highlights three pre-flood patriarchs—Abel, Enoch, and Noah—who demonstrate faith in its absolute, purest form. They lived in an increasingly hostile and corrupt world without a written Bible, a local church, or a supportive spiritual culture. Yet, their lives outline the non-negotiable, progressive blueprint of a believer's relationship with the Creator.

As Pastor Spencer noted, this progression is sequential. It begins with Abel, who teaches us that faith requires approaching God on His terms through substitutionary worship. This foundational atonement naturally leads to Enoch, who demonstrates that justification results in a lifelong, intimate walk with God. Finally, this deep communion culminates in Noah, who proves that genuine faith always rolls up its sleeves to accomplish radical work. You cannot survive the hostility of the world without this holistic blueprint of faith.

Doctrine Definition: Biblical faith is the singular mechanism for relating to God. It initiates with the hearts recognition of substitutionary atonement (Worship), matures into intimate, daily communion (Walk), and culminates in radical, enduring obedience (Work).

Study Questions

1. Abel's sacrifice echoed the animal God killed to clothe Adam and Eve. How does Abel's offering set the eternal precedent that sin requires a blood payment? (OT: Genesis 3:21 | NT: Hebrews 9:22)
2. Theologian Warren Wiersbe noted Noah's mind was warned, his heart feared, and his will acted. Why is a faith that engages the intellect but fails to move the will entirely dead? (OT: Deuteronomy 10:12 | NT: James 2:17)
3. Cain murdered Abel over theological jealousy. Why does genuine, grace-based faith constantly invite visceral hatred from a culture obsessed with human achievement? (OT: Psalm 37:12 | NT: 1 John 3:12-13)
4. Enoch maintained a 300-year walk with God in an increasingly wicked era. What specific daily habits keep your communion with God intact when the culture goes dark? (OT: Psalm 1:1-3 | NT: 1 John 1:6-7)
5. Noah was moved by "godly fear" while his culture partied. Does the reality of God's holy wrath against sin still move your heart to serious reverence? (OT: Psalm 119:120 | NT: Hebrews 10:31)
6. Noah's obedience saved his family. How does your personal, steadfast obedience serve as a protective spiritual canopy for your own household? (OT: Joshua 24:15 | NT: Ephesians 6:4)