CHAPTER

11

XI

The hall of faith

Hebrews 11:1–40 · 40 verses · Song: "By Faith"

The picture: A long hall of heroes: Abel with his lamb, Noah's ark, Abraham with a staff, Moses parting the sea, the walls of Jericho falling.



PICTURE WORD

Faith

THE CHAPTER IN BRIEF

Faith is the solid ground of what we hope for. By faith Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Rahab and many more.

Remember it: ELEVEN: two pillars, 1 1, the columns of the hall of faith.

MEMORY VERSE

Now faith is the solid ground of what we hope for, the proof of things we cannot see.

Hebrews 11:1 · the author's translation

GREEK WORD

πίστις

"faith" · verse 1

In Hebrews: 32 times, in 6 chapters

In 11:1 faith is ὑπόστασις, "the solid ground" of what we hope for, the same word used of God's very "being" in 1:3. Faith is not wishing. It stands on what God has promised and acts on it, and "by faith" begins verse after verse through the chapter.

HOW THE CHAPTER MOVES

1–3	What faith is: the solid ground of what we hope for.
4–7	Abel, Enoch and Noah; without faith it is impossible to please God.
8–22	Abraham, Sarah and the patriarchs looked for a better country.
23–31	Moses, the Red Sea, Jericho and Rahab.
32–40	Many more: approved through faith, made perfect with us.

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

v. 5 ← Gen 5:24 Enoch could not be found, because God had taken him.

v. 18 ← Gen 21:12 "Through Isaac your offspring will be reckoned."

v. 21 ← Gen 47:31 Jacob worshiped, leaning on his staff (Greek Old Testament).

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Hebrews 11 sung in the **Hebrews by Heart** app, or free at **ispress.de/hebrews/songs/11**.

The song: "By Faith." Left out of the song: 11:15, 11:38, 11:39, 11:40. Read those verses in your Bible.

What faith is · The heroes of faith · Looking for a better country · Not perfected without us

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Faith is the solid _____ of what we hope for. By faith Abel, Enoch, Noah,

_____, Sarah, Moses, _____ and many more.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. Without what is it impossible to please God?

(A) Sacrifice
(B) Faith
(C) Riches
(D) The law

2. What city was Abraham looking forward to?

(A) Jericho
(B) Ur
(C) The city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God
(D) Egypt

3. What did Moses consider greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt?

(A) The reproach of Christ
(B) The land of promise
(C) The Red Sea
(D) His staff

TALK IT OVER

1. Faith is "the proof of things we cannot see." What do you trust that you cannot see?

2. Many of these people "died in faith without receiving the things promised." How do you keep faith when the promise is far off?

3. Which person in this chapter is most like you, and why?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES HEBREWS 11 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song
☐ I can say what it teaches
☐ I can say 11:1 by heart
☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: ground · Abraham · Rahab · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 6) · 2. C (v. 10) · 3. A (v. 26)