

Hebrews Chapter 11 - The Hall of Faith

Eph 2:15 Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, 9 even the law of carnal commandments (Book of the Law) to make in Himself from the two one new man, so making shalom.

There are four important principles to digest in Chapter 11 before we dig in:

- I. Because the OT/ Tanakh's saints exercised faith, if we fail to exercise faith then we will depart from the OT saints! *(Herein lies the reality of the Institutionalized Church, they don't have the faith to believe in the literal Torah Covenant of the OT saints, so they do away with the Torah because it reminds them of their lack of faith!)*
- II. Our author in V. 35 encourages us to exercise 'patient endurance'. The same patient endurance of the OT saints, so we can like them win the battle! Patient endurance is the key to gaining victory in the battles of our lives!
- III. We are to imitate the examples that are going to be laid out before us.
- IV. The key word is *faith*, it's used twenty four times!

11:1 Now emunah is the substance of things now hoped for, as it was the substance of things which have already come to pass, as it is the evidence of things not yet seen. 2 For by it zichnai –Yisrael obtained a tov report. 3 Through emunah we understand that the olamim were framed by the word of tvkt, so that things that are seen were made by the invisible.

When we hope in faith for something future or look back to the saints, that hope brings in a present, tangible substance to our lives. It's living its real and it bears witness as evidence to what's unseen!

V.3 **Creation** must be accepted by faith because no man was present to observe it. Faith must be past, present and future!

V.3 The Theory of Evolution was invented just a few hundred years ago as a reaction to the lack of faith, hope and understanding of the framing of this world, a lack of faith that is apparent in humanistic scholarly circles.

Genuine faith produces genuine knowledge! A lack of faith produces a *Janus - Faced* knowledge - and that is the theory of Evolution.

4 By emunah Hevel offered to vuvh a more excellent sacrifice than Qayin, by which he obtained witness that he was tzadik, vuvh testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaks.

Abel demonstrated faith by recognizing he had an obligation to cover his soul before approaching יהוה in worship. (Gen. 3:21, Vay. 17:11 - realized fully in Heb. 9:14).

Abel is still a witness to the life of faith seen in a three stage progression:

- I. Because he believed he offered a better sacrifice
- II. Because he offered a better sacrifice, it shows he was righteous
- III. Because he was righteous, he was a true witness of the life of faith.

He worshipped in faith! Amos 5 gives the example, like Cain of those who don't worship in faith, but they choose their own way to approach and worship יהוה.

5 By emunah Chanok was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because vuvh had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony; that he pleased vuvh. 6 But without emunah it is impossible to please Him: for he that comes to vuvh must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him.

By faith **Enoch** was translated from earth: 'And Chanok walked with יהוה , and he was not, for יהוה took him!' Gen. 5:24.

He had witness borne to him and יהוה bore witness to Enoch that he was blessed and happy by his faith!

Two steps to beginning the faith walk:

- I. You must believe יהוה exists!
- II. You must believe יהוה is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him!

7 By emunah Noach, being warned by vuvh of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, made an ark to save his bayit; by it he condemned the olam, and became heir of the tzedakah that is by emunah.

Noach, like us was warned by יהוה of things not yet seen!

The Scriptural prophecies in the Book of Revelation say things are going to come down from heaven and this worldly system is going to pass away! We should believe it and show our faith by making preparations! This is pleasing to יהוה , because it demonstrates faith!

Noach condemned the world by his life and his testimony. Whilst he was building the ark it was a visible sign of the the people's unbelief. Why do you think people dislike or make fun of 'biblical preppers'? Because their 'prepping' and speaking about the Word condemns the worlds system and is a visible sign of the peoples unbelief!

8 By emunah Avraham, when he was called to go out into a place that he would later receive as an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By emunah he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tents with Yitzchak and Yaakov, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city that has foundations, whose Builder and Maker is vuvh.

Abraham left pagan sun god worship behind and ‘crossed over’. The very act of departing from his country showed his faith! When you and I left the institutionalized Church and all its lawless pagan trappings we went to a place where we were able to receive a future inheritance - the covenants of promise!

When we demonstrate the faith of Abraham the result is we’ll become foreigners and sojourners!

11 Through emunah also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she deemed Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang forth one, from him almost dead; and then later others, as many as the cochavim of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

Hang on a minute: **Sarah** ‘laughed’ how exactly is that exercising faith?

The Greek meaning ‘to conceive seed’ means ‘the depositing of sperm’. So the faith our author is referring to isn’t Sarah’s faith at all.... but Abraham’s faith which gave Sarah the ability to conceive seed!

This has huge ramifications for you and your families: your faith can physically affect your spouse, your daughter, your grandchildren! *Your faith*, can change your loved ones who haven’t yet exercised their faith properly! Your loved ones can become one *with your faith!*

Sarah heard two proclamations. At the first she ‘laughed within herself’. But at the second, once it was fulfilled and she witnessed it, it produced the faith in her that the first proclamation would also be fulfilled. (1. She would have a son. 2. Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed).

Your loved ones have heard your witness of Torah and Malkitzedik and they may laugh. They’ve heard your witness that Damascus will become a ruins heap and we’re in the last days. Well when they witness one being fulfilled, like Sarah, it will activate their faith to believe the other! יהוה is faithful! You just chose the better way. You’ll have to just have the faith that יהוה will tarry!

13 These all died in emunah, not having received the heavenly promised land, 3 but having seen it far off, and were persuaded of it, and embraced it, and confessed that they were gerim and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from where they came out, they might have had the opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one: therefore vuvh is not ashamed to be called their tvkt: for He has prepared for them a city.

Let's summarize so far - 9 points:

- I. The Patriarch's lived according to faith
- II. They didn't see everything unfold before their eyes in their lifetime - but they hoped
- III. They saw the future fulfillment by faith
- IV. They believed יהוה would bring the promises into fruition
- V. They clung to those promises
- VI. They confessed that they were strangers in a strange land
- VII. They looked to a heavenly country
- VIII. They had no desire to return to Ur or Haran
- IX. They're faith enabled their loved ones to activate their faith even if at first they 'laughed' it off

17 By emunah Avraham, when he was tried, offered up Yitzchak: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Yitzchak shall your zera be called: 19 Accounting that vuvh was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from where also he received him in a figure.

Isaac wasn't his only biological son. "Only begotten" speaks of 'uniqueness' not origin! Isaac was unique in that he was the *only son* chosen to inherit the covenants of promise!

When Yahusha is spoken of as, "the only begotten son" it likewise doesn't mean He's the *only son* of יהוה! Sealah!

Yahusha isn't the only son of יהוה, *is he?*

It simply means He's the unique Son of יהוה in distinction to YHWH's other sons:

- Angels - sons of יהוה by Creation
- and believers - sons of יהוה through adoption!
- In contrast to Yahusha as the Eternal Son of יהוה.

V.19 "Accounting that vuvh was able to raise him up, even from the dead."

Here's a Malki-Tzedik Torah principle: When יהוה makes a covenant of promise and you enter in and abide within it, it obligates Him to resurrect those to whom the promises were made if they die before it's benefits are fully realized in their lifetime!

יהוה is obligated to resurrect you and I now that we've entered into the covenants of promise. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob realized this! That's why Yahusha quoted Ex 3:6: "*I am the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*" because this is the Abramaic covenants of promise resurrection formula that's fully realized in the Malki-Tzedik resurrection realm!

20 By emunah Yitzchak blessed Yaakov and Esav concerning things to come. 21 By emunah Yaakov, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Yoseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

Jacob did this when he was dying: he knew he would die before the promises were fulfilled in his lifetime, yet he believed יהוה would be able to keep his promises with the next generation - so he didn't hesitate in issuing the blessing!
A future faith in Yah - the fulfiller of promises!

22 By emunah Yoseph, when he died, made mention of the exodus of b'nai Yisrael; and gave them a commandment concerning his bones.

Joseph too, is an example of the future!

23 By emunah Moshe, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the melech's commandment. 24 By emunah Moshe, when he was grown, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of vuvh, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short while; 26 Esteeming the reproach of the 'anointed' (Christ/Moshiach) as greater riches than the treasures in Mitzrayim: for he looked forward to receive the reward. 7 27 By emunah he forsook Mitzrayim, not fearing the wrath of the melech: for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible.

V. 26: Moshiach - 3 interpretations:

- I. Moshe chose to identify with the reproach of Moshiach.
- II. Moshe recognized he was the chosen (*anointed one*) for the task ahead.
- III. More probably '*Christ*' here identifies the nation of Israel - Ps 89.50. Moshe chose to suffer reproach with the nation people of יהוה - the '*anointed nation!*'

28 Through emunah he kept the Pesach, and the sprinkling of dahm, lest He that destroyed the bachorim should touch them. 29 By emunah they passed through the Sea of Reeds on dry land: which the Mitzrites attempting to do were drowned.

A parents faith enables them to hide their children from the world.

V.28 Celebrating Easter is a counterfeit to faith! Celebrating Passover is a requirement of genuine, PUBLIC faith! The meat test: The holidays you keep reveal the god you serve. They serve to the publicly identify where you stand - or fall!

For Moshe, and for you and I the covenantal promise *can only* be fulfilled by leaving the royal court and joining another! *Trading the NWO in for The Malki-Tzedik Order*, and that takes - True Faith!

9 things that testify to True Faith:

- I. True faith rejects the worlds pressures to conform!
- II. True faith obeys the details of YHWH's Word!
- III. True faith overcomes natural obstacles (the Red Sea).
- IV. True faith is willing to do what is unnatural (taking יהוה at His Word).
- V. True faith requires one to do what seems unnatural and illogical (Wilderness Wanderings).
- VI. True Faith - doesn't see with the eyes, but sees from within!
- VII. True faith doesn't *react*, but *acts*, according to the still, small voice within - not the clamor and clatter *without*!
- VIII. True faith is associated with trials, it's natural for it to be tested!
- IX. True faith overcomes enemies (the Walls of Jericho).

30 By emunah the walls of Yericho fell down, after they were circled around for seven days.

31 By emunah the harlot Rachav did not perish with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with shalom. 32 And what more shall I say?

The use of the masculine participle, 'more say' rules out Priscilla as being the author!

For the time would fail me to tell of Gidyon, and of Baraq, and of Shimshon, and of Yiftach; of Dawid also, and Shmuel, and of the neviim: 33 Who through emunah subdued malchutim, worked tzedakah, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in fight, routed the armies of the foreigners.

He just presented us with **three triplets for victory in our walk!**

1. **National victories:** subdued kingdoms (Joshua, the Judges, David), worked righteousness (David, Samuel), obtained promises (Gideon, Barak, David).
2. **Personal deliverance:** stopped the mouths of lions (Daniel, Samson, David), quenched violence of fire (Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego), escaped the edge of the sword (Moshe, Elijah, Elisha, Jephthah, David).
3. **Personal gifts and attainments:** the weak made strong (Gideon, Samson, David), valiant in war (Joshua, Barak, David), turned around armies of infidels (David, Jehoshaphat).

35 Women received their dead raised to chayim again: (women are our example of resurrection faith: most resurrection miracles were on the behalf of women: Widow of

Zarephath, whose son was raised by Elijah, the Widow of Nain, whose son was raised by Yahusha and of course Mary and Martha with Lazarus), ***and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:*** (because these resurrections were merely back to normal life only to die again) ***36 And others had trials of cruel mockings and scourgings*** (Jeremiah), ***yes, and also chains and imprisonment*** (Jeremiah, Joseph and Paul) :

Faith triumphs over death and chains:

37 They were stoned (Zechariah, Steven), ***they were sawn apart*** (Isaiah by Manasseh), ***were tempted*** (Joseph), ***were slain with the sword*** (Uriah) ***they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins*** (Elijah & John the Immerser); ***being destitute, afflicted, tormented*** (the prophets); ***38 (Of whom this olam was not worthy; they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth)*** (Obadiah) ***39 And these all, having obtained a tov report through emunah, received not the promise: 40 vuvh having provided for us too; so that they without us should not be made perfect.***