

Sunday Morning, October 2, 2016  
What is Faith (2)?  
Hebrews 11:4–40

- I. Biblical Faith Is Personal Heb. 11:6
  
- II. Biblical Faith Is Commitment  
Heb. 11:1; Jn. 6:35; Isa. 55:22; Jn. 1:12; Heb. 6:18; WCF 21.2
  
- III. Biblical Faith Is Daily Heb. 11:5, 8
  
- IV. Therefore Biblical Faith Is Obedient  
Heb. 11:4, 7, 8–9, 17, 31; Jas. 2:25; WCF 14.2; Jn. 14:15, Jn. 14:24; 1 Jn. 3:6, 9
  
- V. Biblical Faith Is Persevering
  - A. Faith Perseveres Even When It's Dark  
Heb. 11:1; 2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:27, 7, 8, 11--12, 17–19, 20, 28, 29, 13 and 39
  
  - B. Faith Perseveres Even When It's Difficult  
Heb. 10:39, 37c, 38; 10:23; Matt. 13:20, 21  
Heb. 11:4, 7, 17, 26, 27, 29, 34--37

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"We shall now have a full definition of faith if we say that it is a firm and sure foundation of the divine favor toward us, founded on the truth of a free promise in Christ, and revealed to our minds and sealed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit." John Calvin

"Mere credence without trusting and mere remorse without turning, do not save." J I Packer

"Jesus often rebukes weak faith, but never rejects it." John Berridge (18th century)

“It’s helpful to remember that the Puritans lost, more or less, every public battle that they fought. Those who stayed in England did not change the Church of England as they hoped to do, nor did they revive more than a minority of its adherents, and eventually they were driven out of Anglicanism by calculated pressure on their consciences. Those who crossed the Atlantic failed to establish New Jerusalem in New England; for the first 50 years their little colonies barely survived, hanging on by the skin of their teeth. But the moral and spiritual victories that the Puritans won by keeping sweet, peaceful, patient, obedient, and hopeful under sustained and seemingly intolerable pressures and frustrations give them a place of high honor in the believers’ hall of fame. J I Packer

“Faith . . . is a whole-souled reality with an affectional and volitional aspect as well as an intellectual one. It is, as the 17<sup>TH</sup> C analysts put it, *notitia* (factual knowledge), *assensus* (glad acceptance), and *fiducia* (personal trust in a personal Savior, as well as in His promises.” J I Packer

“To Trust God in the light is nothing, but trust Him in the dark, that is faith.” Chs Spurgeon

“Faith is utterly in love with all that God is for us now, and will be for us beyond the grave. Faith loves God more than life. Faith loves God more than family. Faith loves God more than job or retirement plans or ministry or writing books or building the dream house or making the first million. Faith says, ‘Whether God handles me tenderly or gives me over to misery, I love him. He is my reward (11:6), the builder of the city I long for (11:10), the treasure beyond the riches of Egypt (11:26), and the possession that surpasses all others and abides forever (10:34).” John Piper

“God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart.” Charles Spurgeon

"When is the time to trust?  
When all is calm?  
When waves the victor's palm?  
And life is one glad psalm of joy and peace?  
The time to trust is-  
When all else has fled,  
When sorrow bows the head,  
And all is cold and dead,  
All else but God."