

Unshakable Faith

Part 7-Unshakable Faith

Hebrews 11

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Consider True Faith...

1. The CHARACTER of Faith.

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Future Hope

- **We hope for Christ's RETURN.**

...while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Titus 2:13 NIV

- **We hope for RESURRECTION.**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... 1 Peter 1:3 NIV

- **We hope for GLORIFICATION.**

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure. 1 John 3:2-3 NIV

- **We hope to REIGN with Him.**

There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 22:5 NIV

Visual Hope

He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." Genesis 28:12, 16-17 NIV

2. The ACTION of Faith.

This is what the ancients were commended for: Hebrews 11:2 NIV

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Hebrews 11:32-34 NIV

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and He will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if He does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a Son of the gods.”

Daniel 3:16-18, 24-25 NIV

3. The UNDERSTANDING of Faith.

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 NIV

*By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.*

He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;

He puts the deep into storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the people of the world revere Him.

For He spoke, and it came to be;

He commanded, and it stood firm.

Psalms 33:6-9 NIV

How would other people describe your faith?

Are you ready to place your faith and trust in Jesus?