

The _____ of Faith

Hebrews 11:6 - *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

- A. The _____ – Now it is impossible to please God apart from faith
1. Apart from = without, independent from (Greek “choris”)
 2. Faith – dependence and reliance upon God, taking Him at His Word
 3. Impossible – no chance, incapable (Greek “adunatos”) – see **Hebrews 6:18 & Romans 14:23**
 4. To cause to be pleased (Greek “euaireto”) - See **Hebrews 13:16**

- B. The _____
1. For it is necessary – it is of a moral necessity
 2. The one coming, drawing near, to God – the individual wanting a relationship – Hebrews 10:1
 3. To believe (emphatic position – first in the sentence)
 4. That – tells the content of the belief
 5. He is – The existence of God
 6. And that be a rewarder of the searching out him ones – The goodness of God
- Lit “to give back wages” – See **Hebrews 10:35 & 11:26**
- to the ones searching diligently (Ultimately it is good who draws them)

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I. My _____ of God must be a faith experience – The pioneer Abel
Hebrews 11:4 - *By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.*

- A. The _____ from Abel
1. Its motive – By means of faith or in faith - through taking God at His Word (Greek “pistis”)
 2. Its agency – Abel – Second son of Adam and Eve, his name means breath – See **Genesis 4:1-8**

3. Its activity – offering – To offer a sacrifice (Greek “prosphero”) – There was also probably a specific place where sacrifices were carried out as well
4. Its quality – A better sacrifice, more acceptable, than Cain
 - a. Better in the eyes of God – this offering pleased God
 - b. It was better because of Abel’s attitude – offered in/by faith
 - c. It was better because of Abel’s obedience – The model of an offering for sins had been set – **Genesis 3:21**
 - d. Abel offered His first-born lamb, what God wanted not what he wanted. – **Genesis 4:4**
5. Its direction – To God – He is the only One deserving of our worship

- B. The _____ to Abel (He saw the invisible)
1. Abel is declared righteous by God
 - a. By means of which- His sacrifice offered in faith
 - b. He was borne witness to be
 - Someone, God, says something of Abel
 - testified or borne witness
 - c. To be righteous – a righteous one – See **Matthew 23:35**
 - d. God testifying upon His gift
 - God had respect toward the gift – **Genesis 4:4**
 - Probably burnt up with heavenly fire – **Leviticus 9:24**
 2. Abel goes on speaking for God – being dead still speaks – His His testimony goes on and on.

II. My _____ with God must be a faith experience – The pioneer Enoch
Hebrews 11:5 - *By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.*

- A. Enoch’s _____
1. By means of faith or in faith - through taking God at His Word (
 2. Enoch – see **Genesis 5:21-23** and **Jude 14-15**
 3. Was taken up/translated – “to transpose, to change” – (Greek - “metatitemi”) – Passive idea, this action was done to Enoch by God)
 4. Result of this is that he doesn’t experience death
 - Only one other person, Elijah, can say this. The next group will be those alive at His coming – **1 Corinthians 15:51**

5. Wasn't found (Greek idea is a through search in the past)
6. Why wasn't he found – God translated/taken him

B. Enoch's _____

1. Gives the why of his translation
2. "In the time before his translation"
3. Had been testified – permanent passive idea – God testified of this
4. He was well pleasing to God – Permanent idea
5. Said to have "walked with God" – This is noteworthy

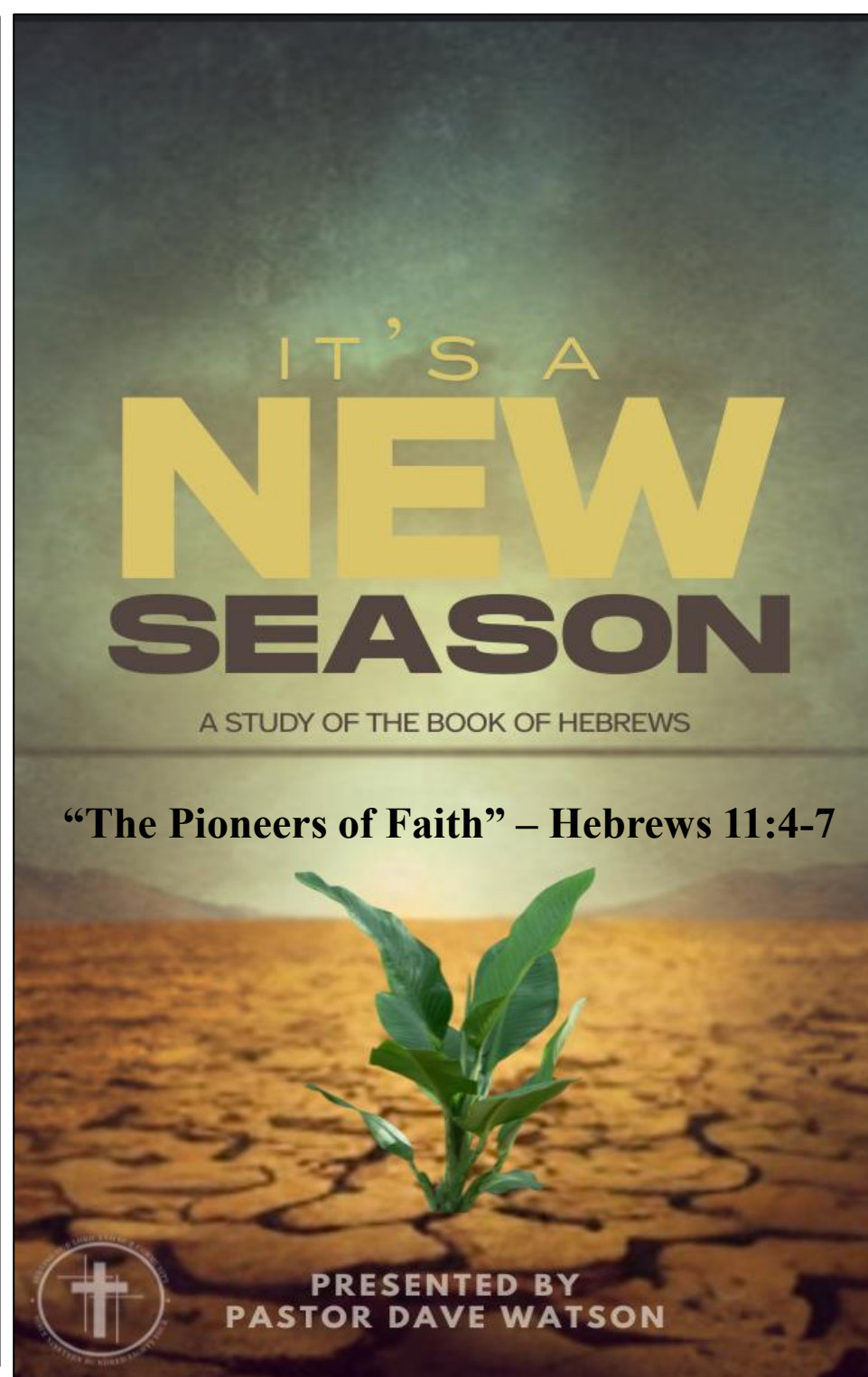
III. My _____ for God must be a faith experience - The pioneer Noah
Hebrews 11:7- *By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*

A. The _____ for Noah

1. The Agency – By means of faith or in faith - through taking God at is Word (Greek "pistis")
2. The Agent – Noah – **Genesis 6-9**
 - a. Blameless in His generation and walked with God – **Genesis 6:9-11**
 - b. Preacher of righteousness – **2 Peter 2:5**
3. The Activity – outfitted the ark – furnished completely (Greek "kataskeuazo" – see **Hebrews 10:5**)
4. The Announcement – having been warned beforehand concerning the not yet seen things
5. The Attitude – In reverence (Greek – "eulabeomai") – **Heb. 12:28**

B. The _____ for Noah

1. Unto the salvation of his household
 - He and his family are saved
 - A man's personal faith can be very fruitful in his family
2. By which he condemned the world
 - By his faith he condemned the world
 - Passed judgment on (Greek "katakrino")
 - He was God's spokesman by example to that age
3. And according to faith became an heir of righteousness
 - See **Romans 8:16-17** and **Matthew 24:36-39**



"The Pioneers of Faith" – Hebrews 11:4-7

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