

Sunday June 24th 2012
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Fifty
Study Questions

1). By way of review - Read Hebrews 11:4-8 – What is the foundational picture set out in these verses?

a). What would we know from the scriptures about the attitude of the OT saints with respect to the events that their lives pictured?

b). Read Hebrews 11:17 – Where did this verse take us in the scriptures?

c). Which Chapters of Genesis did we look at and what did they picture for us?

d). How do these Chapters build upon the foundation laid in v4-8?

e). What additional information is added to the foundation?

f). Read Hebrews 11:20-21 – what do these verses now add into all that has gone before?

2). Which 2 entities have been the focus of these verses?

a). What period of time has been the focus of these verses?

b). What kind of faith has been the focus of these verses?

3). Read Hebrews 11:22-30 – Which 4 OT characters are featured in these verses [one by implication]?

a). Which groups of people do these verses now deal with, and within which timeframe?

b). Why would God need to provide this kind of information for us?

4). Read Genesis 50:23-26 – Which 2 things did Joseph focus on as he was dying?

a). What is the return of Joseph's bones intimately connected to and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

b). Read Genesis 46:2-4 – what is the prophetic significance of these verses?

c). What did God say to Abraham in Genesis 17:7-8?

d). Given that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph are all physically dead what would be the only way that God can fulfill His covenant promise to them?

e). Would Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph have understood this and how might we know?

f). So how do all these things play in to Joseph's faith concerning his bones?

g). Which 2 interrelated things do the return of Joseph's bones picture for us?

5). What does Hebrews 6:1-2 have to say with respect to the resurrection of the dead?

a). How do we connect this to Joseph's bones?

b). Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-24 – According to the scripture how is the resurrection of the dead made possible?

c). Who is to experience resurrection?

d). What does v23 teach us about the nature of resurrection? Explain what you understand about this.

e). What then can we know about the resurrection of Christians?

f). What can we know about the resurrection of OT saints?

g). What can we know about the resurrection of Tribulation saints?

h). What can we know about the resurrection of the unsaved?

6). Read Exodus 13:19 – what is happening in this verse?

a). Apart from the resurrection of OT saints, what else does this picture for us?

b). How should we understand the nation of Israel to be 'dead'?

c). Where would we go in scripture to find another picture of the resurrection of the nation of Israel?

7). Read John 11:3-7 – if we are to see Israel as ‘dead’ how would we explain ‘This sickness is not unto death...’?

a). What does Jesus do when he hears the news of Lazarus?

b). What does this picture for us?

c). When Jesus returns to Judea what does He do and what does this picture for us?

d). Read John 11:39-44 – can you see any differences here to the account of the resurrection of the Lord?

e). What do you suppose these differences might mean?

8). Any final thoughts on today’s study?