

Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2012  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
Part Sixty Two  
Study Questions

1). Heb 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.* What is the great issue set out in the Book of Hebrews?

a). Where do we find the foundation for this laid?

b). How is this foundation then built upon?

c). How should we view Chapter 11 with respect to the Chapters that have preceded it?

d). What is the focal point in time to which everything in this Book moves?

e). How do the OT saints fit into all this?

f). How is the Millennial Kingdom presented in foundation in Genesis?

g). What further information about this Day is given to us later in Genesis and also referenced in Hebrews 11:8?

2). Read Hebrews 11:9-16 – What had God promised that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had set their sights on?

- a). What does our scripture record about this promise?
- b). What was Abraham, Isaac and Jacob's attitude to this?
- c). Would this be true for all those in the catalogue of OT saints in

Hebrews 11?

3). Heb 11:32 ¶ *And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:* Exactly what is the writer saying in the first line of our verse above?

- a). What would this mean for the number of examples that could be drawn from in the OT and where do we find a similar example in the NT?

- b). So, what does this say to you about how we should view the examples that are given to us?

- c). Should we see the individuals in our verse here as separate from the list of individuals we have previously studied?

4). Read Hebrews 11:33-34 – What are described in these verses?

- a). How were these exploits accomplished?

- b). Which NT scriptures did we look at that could be applied to the experience of these OT saints?

c). In what way can we translate the exploits of these OT saints into our everyday experience?

d). How is our experience and the experience of the OT saints really the same?

5). Read Hebrews 11:35-36 – Who do we now see presented in these verses and how are they described?

a). What does this suggest to you about the number of OT saints who were in pursuit of the heavenly Kingdom?

b). Read v37-38 – Taking these verses in conjunction with our previous 2 verses, what do they tell us about the experience of many of the OT saints?

c). What is the purpose behind relating this information?

d). According to v35 what is the reason that they endured such treatment?

e). Explain what it means that they wanted to obtain a better resurrection and when will they experience this?

f). Why haven't they received the promise yet?

g). Why can't they be made perfect apart from us?

6). Read Philippians 3:7-14 – What from these verses can we say is the glorious obsession of Paul's life?

a). How does this connect with the better resurrection?

b). How does Paul describe the intimate relationship he wants to have with the Lord?

c). What is he prepared to lose in order to gain that relationship?

d). What do you think he means when he says, *I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ?*

e). What kind of righteousness is Paul seeking and where do we find reference to it?

f). Is the passion that drove Paul and the passion that drove the OT saints in Hebrews 11 the same do you think?

g). Do you have this passion?

h). What are you prepared to lose in order to attain the out-resurrection?

i). Any final thoughts?