

FAITH BEFORE THE FLOOD
(Hebrews 11:4-7)

- I. The Faith of ABEL (Heb. 11:4; Gen. 4:1-15)
 - A. His OFFERING is contrasted with CAIN'S
 - [1. Cain brought PRODUCE from his FARM]
 - [2. Abel brought a LAMB from his FLOCK]
 - B. His SACRIFICE was SUPERIOR to Cain's
 - 1. It was an OFFERING of BLOOD (9:22)
 - 2. It was OFFERED in FAITH
 - C. "He obtained the TESTIMONY that he was RIGHTEOUS"
 - 1. God COMMENDED his GIFTS
 - 2. His FAITH "still SPEAKS" as his LEGACY

- II. The Faith of ENOCH (Heb. 11:5-6; Gen. 5:19-24)
 - A. His TRANSLATION is contrasted with DYING
 - 1. GOD "TOOK him UP"
 - 2. "He WAS NOT FOUND"
 - B. "He obtained the TESTIMONY" that he PLEASED GOD

- C. That testimony PROVES his FAITH
 - 1. One MUST believe that God EXISTS
 - 2. One MUST believe that God KEEPS His PROMISES

III. The Faith of NOAH (Heb. 11:7; Gen. 6:9-22)

- A. His OBEDIENCE is contrasted with REBELLION
- B. His obedience was PROMPTED by divine INSTRUCTION concerning “THINGS not yet SEEN” (11:1)
 - [1. He’d never EXPERIENCED RAIN]
 - [2. He’d never WITNESSED God’s WRATH]
- C. He BELIEVED the warning, and BUILT an ARK
 - 1. He acted in REVERENT TRUST
 - 2. By it, he DELIVERED his HOUSEHOLD
 - 3. By it, he CONDEMNED the WORLD
- D. He became an HEIR of RIGHTEOUSNESS according to FAITH
 - 1. He is the FIRST man identified as RIGHTEOUS
 - 2. It was not EARNED but IMPUTED to him by GOD