

The Book of Hebrews

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we study the ninth section of **Hebrews – 11:1-40**. This section can be divided into three subsections.

Read Hebrews 11:1-16

- What is faith being sure/certain of? (**11:1**).
- How does **11:1** relate to **10:35-39**?
- What was it that the ancients were commended for? (**11:2**).
- What is it that by faith we understand? (**11:3**).
- How did Abel offer a better sacrifice than Cain? (**11:4**).
- How do you think Abel still speaks, even though he is dead? (**11:4**).
- What is the necessary ingredient for us to please God? (**11:6**).
- How does **11:6** relate to **11:5**?
- In order to please God, in what two areas must faith be expressed? (**11:6**).
- What was the focus of Abraham's faith? What was the promise to which Isaac and Jacob were also heirs? (**11:10**).
- Why was Abraham enabled to become a father? (**11:11**).
- Why was God not ashamed to be called their God? (**11:13-16**).

Read Hebrews 11:17-31

- Why can it be said that Abraham offered up Isaac by faith? (**11:17-19**).
- What did Moses regard to be of greater worth than all the treasures of Egypt and why? (**11:24-26**).
- How did Moses keep the Passover and how did the Israelites cross through the Red Sea? (**11:27-29**).

Read Hebrews 11:32-40

- What was the principal characteristic of all the people listed in **11:32-38**?
- How does **11:39** relate to **11:2**?
- How did God plan for these "ancients" to be made perfect? (**11:40**).
- How does **11:40** relate to **7:19** and **10:1,14**?

Memory Verse

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!