

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

The Witness of Abel, Enoch, and Noah

Hebrews 11:1-7

1. The Importance of Faith (vs.1-2, 6)
 - A. A Scriptural **Definition** of Faith (v.1)
 - B. The **Only** Way to be Approved by God (v.2; cf. Ps. 40:6; Hos. 6:6)
2. The Witness of Abel (v.4)
 - A. The Biblical Account of Abel's Life (Gen. 4:1-10)
 - B. He is Specifically Commended for His **Offering**.
 - C. Why Was His Offering Accepted and Cain's Was Not?
 - D. He is Accounted as both **Prophet** and **Martyr** (cf. Matt 23:35; Luke 11:51).
3. The Witness of Enoch (v.5)
 - A. The Biblical Account of Enoch's Life (Gen. 5:19-24); cf. Jude 14-16).
 - B. He is Specifically Commended for Being **Pleasing to God**.
 - C. He Has a Lasting Testimony as a **Preacher/Prophet** (Jude 14-16)
4. The Witness of Noah (v.7)
 - A. The Biblical Account of Noah's Life (Gen. 5:28-9:29)
 - B. He is Specifically Commended for **Reverential Obedience**.
 - C. He is Remembered as:
 - I. One of the **Most Righteous** Men (Ezek. 14:14).
 - II. A **Preacher** of Righteousness (2 Pet. 2:5).
 - III. Having Lived in Times of **Extreme Wickedness** (Gen. 6:13).
 - IV. A Model of Preparing for God's **Judgment** (Matt 24:37-38).
 - D. His Sins and Failings Are Not Hidden (Gen. 9:20ff)