

Devotional Questions – Hebrews 11:4-7, Study Leader’s Questions

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What is the relationship between faith and obedience in the life of Noah?

How did Noah’s faith condemn the world?

How does the example of Noah help us today?

4. *Putting these three examples together how do they illustrate Hebrews 11:1-2?*

Devotional Questions – Hebrews 11:4:7, Answers to Questions

See Dr Ruckman's commentaries *The Book of Genesis* pp 118-145, 166-168, 192-201, *The Book of Hebrews* pp 238-250, *Theological Studies* Volume 19 pp 1-12 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 9-16, 1598, 1612 for detailed comments.

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What was God looking at when he saw the two offerings?

God was looking at two men that went to pray. One was up front first and the other came afterwards, “*afar off.*” The Lord Who “*knew what was in man*” John 2:25 described the two men.

“Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted” Luke 18:10-14.

“So the last shall be first, and the first last...” Matthew 20:16, for Abel, Cain; Cain, Abel.

God was also looking at *the blood* Genesis 4:4 versus the ‘transubstantiated’ fruit juice, Genesis 4:3. “*...when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you...” Exodus 12:13. As Dr Ruckman states, *The Book of Genesis* pp 124-125, “*You can’t get blood out of a turnip and you cannot get blood out of a glass of fermented liquor no matter how much North African (Latin) black magic you conjure up to change it.*” See also *Night Journey From Rome* by Clark Butterfield, Chapter 7, *The Holy Communion*, for details.*

Cain was plagued and destroyed in forfeiting God’s blessing because he despised “*the blood.*” He was *cursed, as were his descendants.* Cain’s descendants are typically city lowlife, “**Cain...buildd a city**” Genesis 4:17, the first mention of the word city in scripture, who can’t farm, are habitually in trouble with the law and tend to be aimless except when breaking the law.

“And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother’s blood from thy hand; When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth” Genesis 4:11-12.

Cain’s descendants can be identified but for most folk, either saved or unsaved, “**This is an hard saying; who can hear it?**” John 6:60. The figure provides some contemporary insight. God will hopefully soon implement Isaiah 13:14 and Jeremiah 50:16. See *Question 3*.

What do these verses in Genesis say about faith?

You need “**the blood**” else “**your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins**” 1 Corinthians 15:17.

Paul elaborates further for today’s believer:

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God” Romans 3:24-25.



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www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2023924/London-riots-2011-BlackBerry-Messenger-shut-unbelievable.html

Cain and Abel, it should be understood, initiate the only two distinct religions in the world; one that is **“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father”** James 1:27 that trusts in **“the blood”** and one that is **“vain...man’s religion”** James 1:26 that does not. *Note that James records them in the same sequence as Genesis 4:3, 4 do.*

How does Hebrews 11:6 help explain the interpretation of the Abel story in Hebrews 11:4?

Cain was **“without faith”** in **“the blood”** whereas in type by offering **“of the firstlings of his flock”** Genesis 4:4 Abel was with **“faith in his blood”** Romans 3:25 with John 1:29 **“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world”** not just ‘the elect’ as Calvin wrongly taught via the heretical doctrine of Limited Atonement. See www.timefortruth.co.uk/errors-of-calvinism/:

How about this for a great verse AGAINST Calvin’s ‘Limited Atonement!’

2 Pet 2v1 But there were FALSE PROPHETS also among the people, even as there shall be FALSE TEACHERS among you, who privily shall bring in DAMNABLE HERESIES, even denying the Lord THAT BOUGHT THEM, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. That what??? THAT BOUGHT THEM!!! Get it? How clear do you want it? Christ paid the way for the false teachers - LOST, false prophets – LOST...in fact He paid the way for EVERY-ONE including ALL the LOST souls who have ever lived! But from their FREE-WILL (Oh yes brother!!!) they CHOSE not to ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive them of their sins! Like I say, Calvin’s ‘TULIP’ is as unscriptural as the Jehovah’s Witness ‘annihilation!’ You want it, take it, but for us Bible Believers, we’ll stick to the SCRIPTURES as our FINAL AUTHORITY!

In what way does Abel still ‘speak’ today?

He still says you need **“the blood”** both before and after salvation, as Peter and John explain.

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” 1 Peter 1:18-19.

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” 1 John 1:7.

How does the example of Abel help us today?

Abel is a reminder as a *type* of **“the righteous blood”** of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lord Himself explained **“For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins”** Matthew 26:28 including Abel. **“My blood of the new testament”** is **“the innocent blood”** Matthew 27:4 and **“his own blood”** Acts 20:28 i.e. *God’s blood*. Abel offered it in type in Genesis 4:4 **“by which he obtained witness that he was righteous”** Hebrews 11:4 and shed it in type as the Lord Himself stated:

“That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar” Matthew 23:35.

Thus Abel was brought from **“afar off”** Luke 18:13 to **“draw nigh unto God”** Hebrews 7:19 through **“the righteous blood”** which Abel both offered, certainly in type, Genesis 4:4 and later shed, Genesis 4:10, 11 thus typifying both the Lord Jesus Christ and the redeemed sinner today, who in a sense has made the same offering that Abel did, only it is **“the blood of Christ”** 1 Corinthians 10:16 that **“cleanseth us from all sin”** 1 John 1:7. Paul explains:

“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ” Ephesians 2:13.

2) Enoch: – Faith Walking

2. Read and compare Genesis 5:21-24 with Hebrews 11:5-6.

What information do they provide about the faith of Enoch?

- It was *durable* in that it was exercised for at least three centuries.
- It was *communicable* in that Enoch's grandson Lamech made a prophecy in faith concerning Enoch's great-grandson Noah. **"This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed"** Genesis 5:29.
- It was *rewardable* [coined term – AJO'R ☺] in that Enoch **"was not; for God took him"** Genesis 5:24.
- It was *admirable* in that **"before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God"** Hebrews 11:5. The Christian should aim for the same testimony before the Lord comes back: **"Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more"** 1 Thessalonians 4:1.

How does Hebrews 11:6 explain the way the author of Hebrews interprets Enoch in Hebrews 11:5?

See third bullet point above and note that it would have been because Enoch did **"believe that he is"** Hebrews 11:6 that **"Enoch walked with God"** Genesis 5:22, 24, no doubt **"giving all diligence"** 2 Peter 1:5 to be in harmony with God as Amos exhorts.

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3. No, they cannot. God and Enoch were. Paul exhorts today's believer how to do likewise.

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" 2 Corinthians 6:16-18.

Speaking practically, noting that **"...evil communications corrupt good manners"** 1 Corinthians 15:33, turn off or at least tame the television for a start in order to apply 2 Corinthians 6:16-18.

"...I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me" Psalm 101:2-3.

How does the example of Enoch encourage us today?

Enoch is an assurance and a reminder that the *translation* is *better than* the *original* – another **"better than"** for Hebrews, Hebrews 1:4 – *according to the testimony of scripture* with respect to three widely differing contexts of translation. Note that in each case; earthly and political, spiritual, or bodily incorruptible, *the translation is an improvement on the original*. The term is therefore *generic* denoting improvement that can therefore be applied to the scripture itself.

"So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba" 2 Samuel 3:9-10.

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" Colossians 1:13.

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God" Hebrews 11:5. Observe that God translated Enoch from a place of death to a place of no death be-

cause ***“he pleased God.”*** This will happen for the Christian as Paul explains with respect to the mystery of the Rapture revealed to him that had never been revealed before, not even to the other apostles. See Dr Ruckman’s commentary *The Books of First and Second Corinthians* pp 349-351. ***“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”*** 1 Corinthians 15:51-55. The Christian’s translation happens because for ***“the body of Christ, and members in particular”*** 1 Corinthians 12:27, ***“Jesus Christ is in you”*** 2 Corinthians 13:5 and as the Lord Himself testified, as typified by Enoch, ***“And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him”*** John 8:29.

God will therefore translate the Christian as He translated Enoch because the Christian has pleased God *through the indwelling Lord Jesus Christ Who pleased God.* ***“And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”*** Mark 1:11.

See samgipp.com/answerbook/?page=30.htm on translations superior to the original.

Note also that the original – so called – with respect to the scriptures is gone but ***“the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”*** 1 Peter 1:23 is nevertheless extant as the AV1611 and other language translations faithful to its text as the Lord Himself explained. ***“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit”*** John 12:24. *The “much fruit” is also better.* See next page for the figure from Al Cuppett’s site for illustration.

It is true that manuscript sources remain for consultation but this writer agrees with the J.A. Moorman’s comment in *When The KJV Departs From The “Majority” Text* pp 27-28. J. A. Moorman is addressing ‘minority’ readings in the AV1611 but his comments apply to *all* AV1611 readings where modern versions conflict with them, whether by *omission*, see www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php AV1611 Hebrews Readings versus Modern Cuts and similar items via that link, *addition*, see remarks under **3) Noah: Faith Working**, *The need for the fear of God* Hebrews 11:7, or *alteration*, see Hebrews 11:5 above where the NIVs, NKJV change the words ***“translated”*** and ***“translation”*** and break the cross references to 2 Samuel 3:9, 10, Colossians 1:13. Emphases are the author’s.

“Our extant MSS reflect but do not determine the text of Scripture. The text was determined by God in the beginning (Psa. 119:89, Jude 3)...

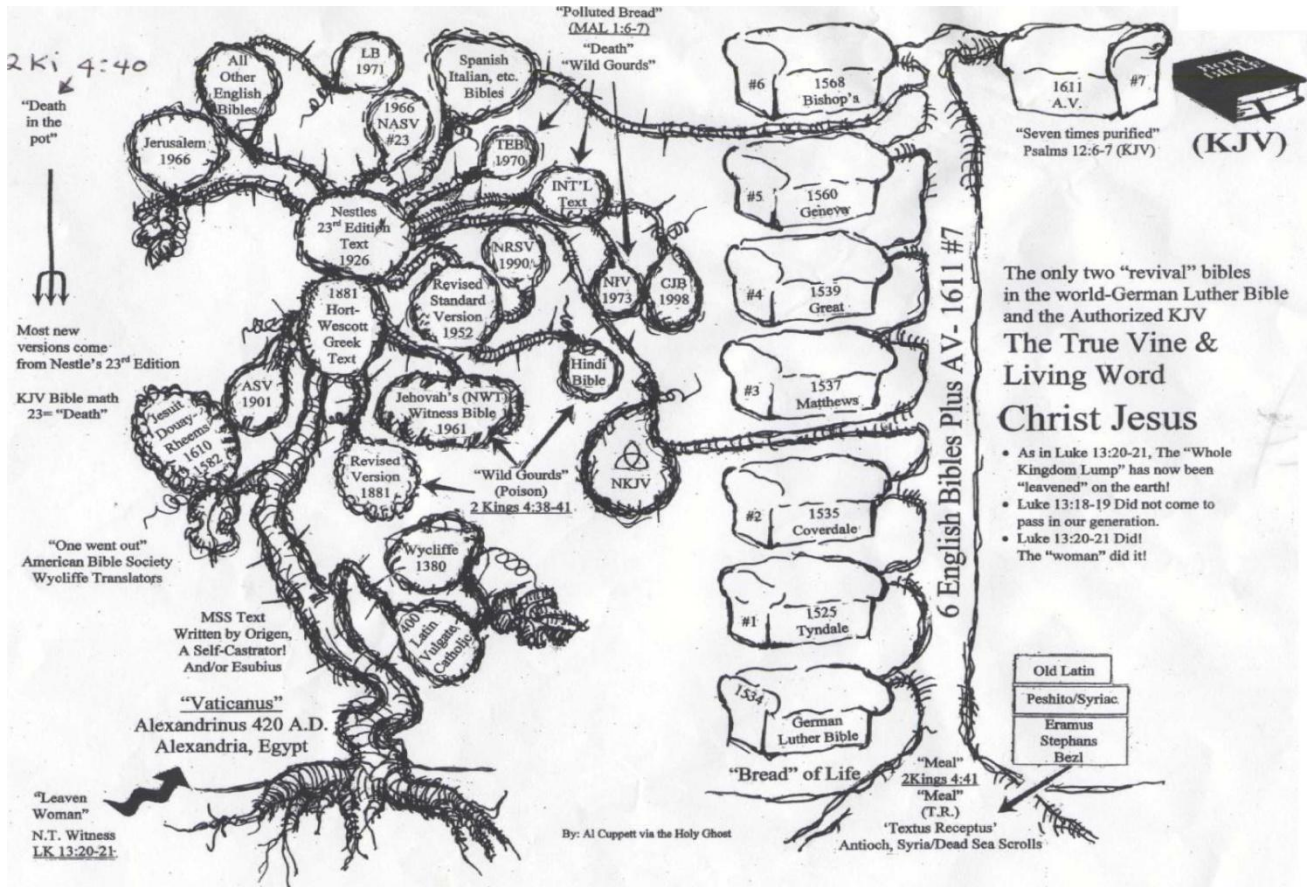
“When a version has been the standard as long as the Authorized Version, and when that version has demonstrated its power in the conversion of sinners, building up of believers, sending forth of preachers and missionaries on a scale not achieved by all other versions and foreign language editions combined; the hand of God is at work. Such a version must not be tampered with. And in those comparatively few places where it seems to depart from the majority reading [or from however many supposedly ‘improved’ readings], it would be far more honouring toward God’s promises of preservation to believe that the Greek and not the English had strayed from the original!” Amen.

In sum, the AV1611 Bible believer must always resist the tyranny of ‘originals-onlyism’ and ‘Greekiolatry,’ given that ***“all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever”*** Psalm 111:7-8 and that *‘the Greek’ is dead, a dead language like Latin* such that ***“in the Greek”*** is out of ***“the bottomless pit”*** Revelation 9:11. See *Seven aspects of ‘the Greek’ & Seven aspects of ‘in the Greek’ - the heresy of Waite’s ‘Greek-onlyism’/‘originals-onlyism’ EXPOSED!* www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php.

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Summary

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From Al Cuppett’s website alcuppett.com/:

My advice: Get an old *Authorized King James Bible* and start praying to Jesus, because our time as free people is just about over. “*Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?*” [Galatians 4:16].

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3) Noah: - Faith Working

3. Read and compare Genesis 6:13-22 with Hebrews 11:7.

What is the relationship between faith and obedience in the life of Noah?

“Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he” Genesis 6:22.

Noah clearly did so after the manner of King Jehoshaphat’s exhortation to his servants and that of King Josiah’s example.

“And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart” 2 Chronicles 19:9.

“And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book” 2 Chronicles 34:31.

Today’s believer should have the same attitude **“to all that God commanded him.”**

“And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them” Matthew 21:6.

How did Noah’s faith condemn the world?

It showed the world of Noah’s time to be ungodly and unrighteous because it ignored Noah’s righteous preaching, such that the world of that time rightly incurred God’s judgement.

“...God...spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly” 2 Peter 2:4-5.

How does the example of Noah help us today?

Besides faith in God Hebrews 11:7, Noah illustrates:

- *The need for the grace of God.* **“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD”** Genesis 6:8.
- *The need for obedience to God.* See Genesis 6:22 above and note **“And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him”** Genesis 7:5.
- *The need for righteousness before God.* **“And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation”** Genesis 7:1.

Noah in his generation understood *in a practical sense* Paul’s exhortation to today’s believer.

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” 2 Corinthians 7:1.

- *The need for the fear of God.* **“...Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house...”** Hebrews 11:7. Note that “holy” in “holy fear” NIVs and “godly” in “godly fear” NKJV for Hebrews 11:7 are unwarranted, unsubstantiated insertions, totally unlike the italics inserted in the AV1611 to give the correct sense of a verse e.g. **“And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest”** Hebrews 7:20 italics underlined. The verse would not make sense without the italics.

Noah’s fear was real fear in response to what God was about to do.

“And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die” Genesis 6:17.

Noah's fear was therefore **"the fear of the LORD"** 2 Chronicles 19:9, see above. The expression **"the fear of the LORD"** occurs 27 times in scripture; 1 Samuel 11:7, 2 Chronicles 14:14, 17:10, 19:7, 9, Job 28:28, Psalm 19:9, 34:11, 111:10, Proverbs 1:7, 29, 2:5, 8:13, 9:10, 10:27, 14:26, 27, 15:16, 33, 16:6, 19:23, 22:4, 23:17, Isaiah 11:2, 3, 33:6, Acts 9:31.

By contrast, the expression **"godly fear"** occurs but once, in the context of Paul urging his readers to have gratitude to God for **"receiving a kingdom."**

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" Hebrews 12:28.

The expression **"the fear of the LORD"** is distinctly different. The expression denotes *fear*, not awe, reverence, godly or holy fear, as its first mention reveals.

"And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent" 1 Samuel 11:7.

None of the other usages of the expression **"the fear of the LORD"** in scripture differ from the above usage, as the last usage of the expression, *in the New Testament*, shows by means of scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13 - though it should be noted that today's believers also have God's comfort through **"the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost"** John 14:26.

"Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied" Acts 9:31 *with Acts 5:5, 9-11 with respect the duplicitous couple Ananias and Sapphira* **"And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things...Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things."**

Paul carried out his ministry with the same fear that both Noah and the early church experienced, namely **"the fear of the LORD."**

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." 2 Corinthians 5:11.

- *The need for thanksgiving to God.* **"And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar"** Genesis 8:20.

Today's believer should have the same attitude of thanksgiving to God, even if at times a challenge to apply, *it is the directive will of God.*

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Noah's example is especially important today because the world is entering a time when **"iniquity shall abound"** Matthew 24:12 such as in Noah's time that is an indication of the nearness of the Lord's Return as the Lord Himself warned.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" Matthew 24:37.

"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man" Luke 17:26.

Isaiah describes the judgement that shall fall. Note the resulting emigration. God will “*terminate with extreme prejudice*” en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terminate_with_extreme_prejudice the current Mohammedan invasion of Britain.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/bible-studies/alan-oreillys-studies.php *The KJB, Britain and Islam.*

“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land” Isaiah 13:9-14.

See also Jeremiah’s warning, historically with respect to ancient Babylon, prophetically no doubt to **“MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH...that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth”** Revelation 17:5, 18 and therefore their subjects. See *Babylon Religion* by David W. Daniels, *Queen of All* by Jim Tetlow et al and *Smokescreens* by Jack T. Chick www.chick.com/catalog/catholicism.asp. The other titles listed are also extremely well worth reading. **“The oppressing sword”** could, in this writer’s view, refer *spiritually* to **“the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”** Ephesians 6:17, the AV1611. None can stand before it.

“Cut off the sower from *Babylon*, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land” Jeremiah 50:16.

Paul’s exhortation therefore becomes all the more urgent for today’s believer. Note again 2 Chronicles 19:9 with respect to **“a perfect heart.”**

“Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world” Philippians 2:14-15.

4. *Putting these three examples together how do they illustrate Hebrews 11:1-2?*

- Abel had **“the evidence of things not seen”** Hebrews 11:1 because **“...the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering...”** Genesis 4:4.
- Enoch had **“...the substance of things hoped for...”** Hebrews 11:1 **“...for God took him”** Genesis 5:24.
- Noah **“...obtained a good report”** Hebrews 11:2 because **“Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God”** Genesis 6:9. Note also God’s good report of Noah in Ezekiel 14:14, 20.

Considering the testimony of scripture to the lives of the above three men, today’s believer should be minded all the more to draw encouragement from another of Paul’s exhortations.

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” Romans 15:4. Therefore:

“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh” James 5:8.

“And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ” 2 Thessalonians 3:5.