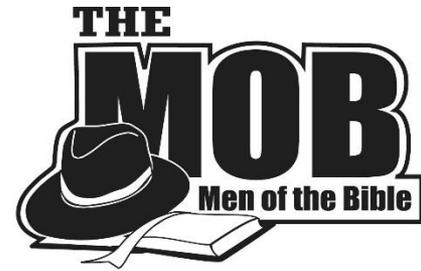




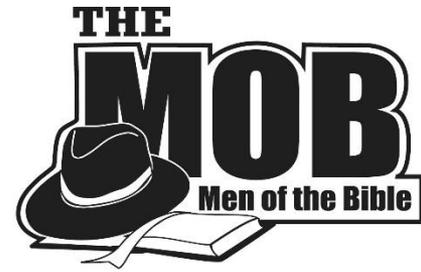
Announcements



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- [Job Seekers Seminar, IBC Rm A209, April 29, 9 AM – 2 PM](#)
- 2017 IBC Mission Trips
 - Rwanda (July-August)
 - Trinidad (July)
 - Cuba (April, July)
 - Macedonia (June, September, November)
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 - Arizona (July-August)
- Please pray for our Nation's leaders [1 Timothy 2:1-4](#)



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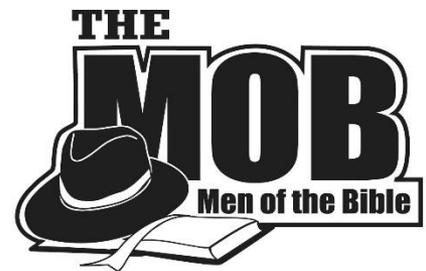
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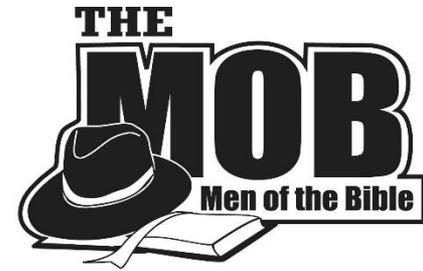


Focus	Christ's Person			Christ's Work			Walk of Faith		
Reference	1:1-3	1:4 – 2:18	3:1 – 4:13	4:14 – 7:28	8:1-13	9:1 – 10:18	10:19 – 11:40	12:1-29	13:1-25
Division	Christ Superior to the Prophets	Christ Superior to the Angels	Christ Superior to Moses	Christ's Superior Priesthood	Christ's Superior Covenant	Christ's Superior Sanctuary & Sacrifice	Assurance of Faith	Endurance of Faith	Exhortation to Love
Topic	Majesty of Christ			Ministry of Christ			Ministers for Christ		
	Doctrine						Discipline		
Location & Time	Place of writing unknown . Probably written around 64-68 AD								





Last Meeting



Endurance of Faith

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 11](#)

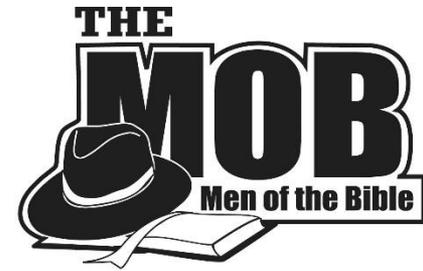
Study: [Hebrews 12](#)

- [Genesis 25:29-34, 27:30-40](#)
- [Deuteronomy 29:16-18](#)
- [Psalms 34:11-14](#)
- [Isaiah 35:3-4](#)
- [2 Corinthians 4:16-18](#)
- [1 Peter 1:3-9, 4:12-19](#)
- [Psalms 42](#)

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Exhortation to Love

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 12](#)

Study: [Hebrews 13:1-17](#)

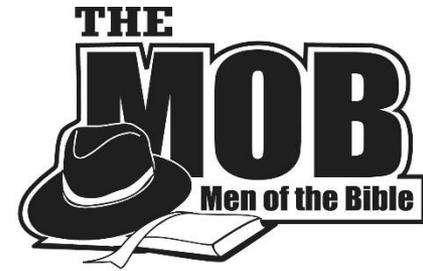
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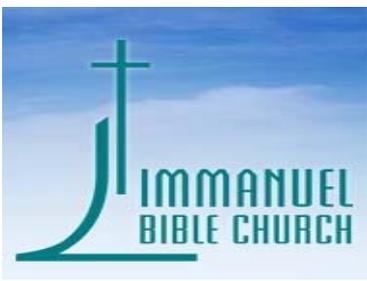
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Exhortation to Love



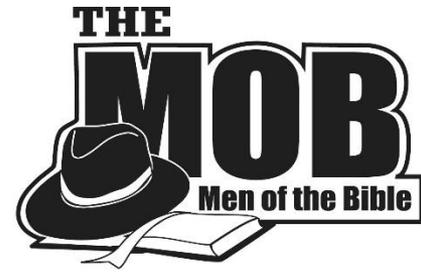
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“The Lord is my helper;
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Exhortation to Love



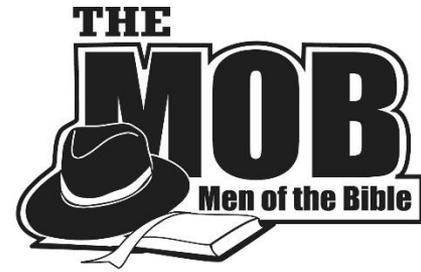
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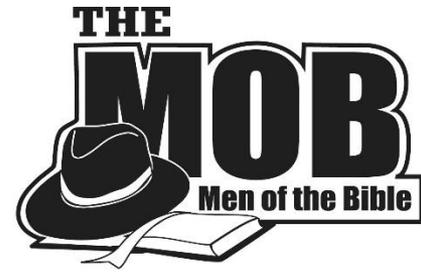
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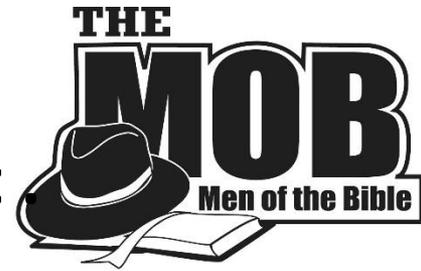


- Hebrews 13 is an exhortation...
 - ...in harmony with the New Testament
 - ...paralleling the great commandments
 - ...to live the love of the Gospel



Hebrews 13:1-17

Exhortation in the New Testament

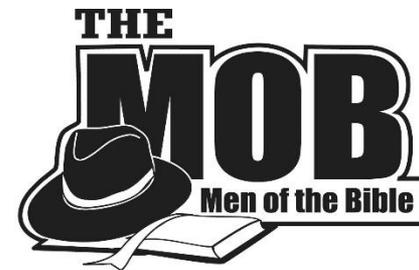


- The author of Hebrews follows a pattern of most other New Testament letters:
 - Doctrine
 - Application
 - Greetings
- Application is about Christian living – particularly important to the original audience of Jewish converts to Christianity
- The Greek words in Hebrews for exhortation (*parakaleo*, *paraklesis*) mean to call for, to call upon, persuade, encourage
- The preacher in Hebrews 13 is now encouraging his congregation to apply these principles to their daily walk



Hebrews 13:1-17

Exhortation



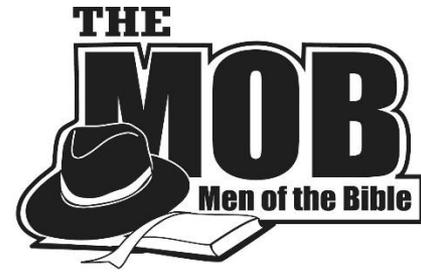
Other New Testament Exhortations to Christian Living

Book / Reference Verses	Exhortation to Christian Living
Romans 12:1 – 13:7	Living transformed lives: relationships in the church and with political authorities
1 Corinthians 6:12 – 7:40	Limits on freedom in Christ; Instructions on sex and marriage
2 Corinthians 2:5-11	Forgiveness of the repentant sinner
Galatians 5:1 – 6:10	Living a life of liberty in Christ
Ephesians 2:1-10	Believers' past and present life
Philippians 1:12 – 2:30	Putting the needs of others first
Colossians 3:1 – 4:6	Believers' new life in Christ
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	Personal holiness, sexual purity, Christian love, and responsible living
2 Thessalonians 3:6-15	Exhortations against idleness
1 Timothy 4:6-16	Being a good servant to Jesus Christ
2 Timothy 3:10-17	Staying the course
James 3:1-12	Proper (and improper) use of the tongue and wisdom
1 Peter 2:11 – 3:12	Conduct of the people of God
2 Peter 1:3-11	The pursuit of Christian virtues
1 John 1:5 – 3:24	True believers walk in the light and follow God's commandments
2 John 4-6	Walking in the truth requires brotherly love
Revelation 2:1 – 3:22	Christ's messages to the seven churches of Asia Minor
<i>Source: Köstenberger, Kellum, and Quarles, <u>The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown</u> (B&H, 2009)</i>	



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Paralleling the Commandments



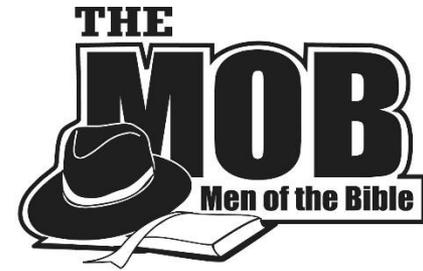
- Many New Testament letters portray a parallel in the great commandments of the Old Testament and Christian living in the church
 - [Romans 13:8-10](#)
- Timothy Sedgwick: “For Protestants, the primary purpose of the Ten Commandments and law in general was twofold: to describe the shape of Christian life and to convict us of our inability to live that life on our own.”

The Christian Moral Life: Practices of Piety (Seabury: 2008)



Hebrews 12:28-13:17

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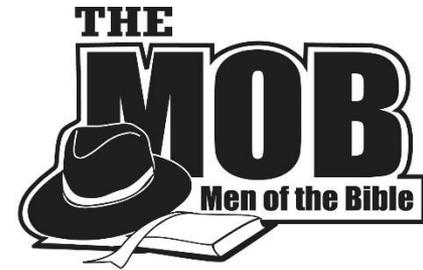
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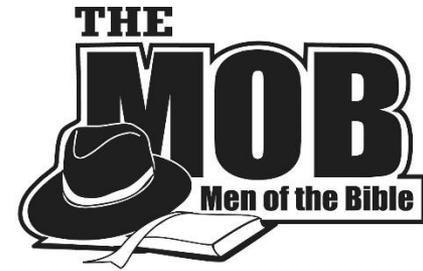
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Matthew 22:37-40

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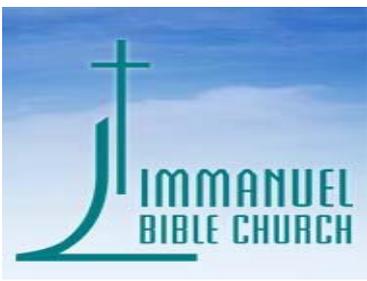
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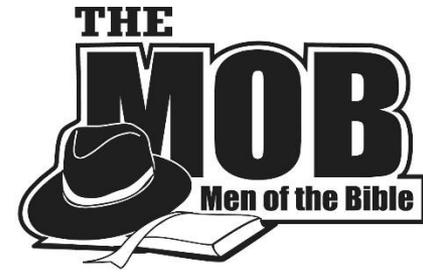
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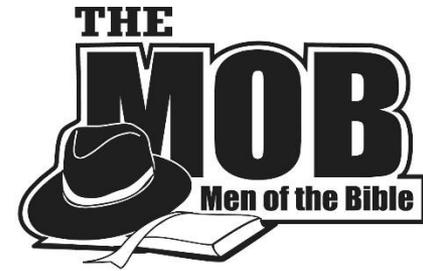


- While the application parallels are plentiful in the New Testament – and in Hebrews 13 – the Levitical sacraments and rituals of Judaism are not
- Why?
 - Hebrews 1:1-3 Jesus Superior to the Prophets
 - Hebrews 1:4 - 2:18 Jesus Superior to Angels
 - Hebrews 3:1-6 Jesus Superior to Moses
 - Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10 Jesus Superior to Aaron
 - Hebrews 7 - 10 Jesus' Superior Priesthood & Covenant
- Hebrews 13 focuses on living the Gospel of Jesus Christ



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Loving Fellow Believers

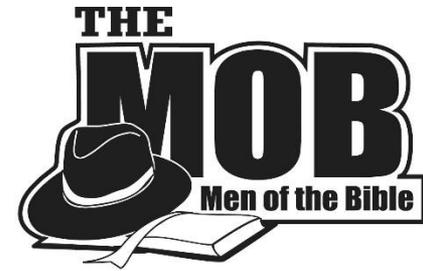


- [Hebrews 13:1-3](#)
- [Romans 12:10](#)
- [Matthew 22:37-40](#)
- Greek word *philadelphia* means brotherly love
- Show hospitality to strangers
- Keep in mind those persecuted for our faith



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Honor in Marriage



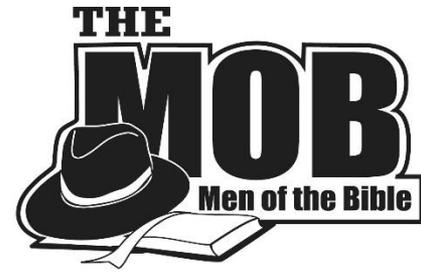
- [Hebrews 13:4](#)
- Cole notes that all three persons of the Trinity honor marriage:
 - God the Father instituted marriage in the Garden
 - God the Son performed his first miracle at the wedding in Cana
 - God the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write that marriage is an earthly picture of Christ and his church
- Greek word *timios* means precious, costly, dear, valuable, honored, respected
- Honoring marriage means:
 - Staying true to your marriage vows
 - Enjoying the physical relationship within the marriage relationship

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Contentment



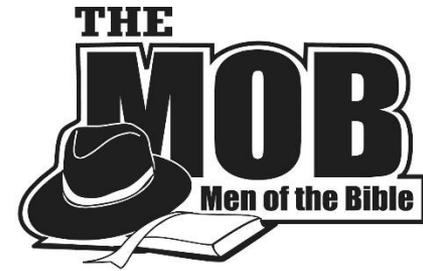
- [Hebrews 13:5-6](#)
- [Ephesians 4:17-24](#)
- [Exodus 20:14-17](#)
- Guthrie: “Both the sexually immoral and those greedy for money pursue a myopic self-gratification that takes them outside the bounds of God’s provision.”
- Ways to be content:
 - Acknowledge God’s ownership of all you have
 - Lay up treasure in heaven
 - Make it your aim to give more, not accumulate more
 - Live in the light of eternity
- [Philippians 4:4](#)

The NIV Application Commentary: Hebrews (Zondervan, 1998)



Hebrews 13:1-17

Exhortation to Right Doctrine



- [Hebrews 13:7-14](#)
- [Galatians 1:6-9](#)
- Cole: “To avoid being carried away by false teaching, imitate the faith of godly leaders and hold firmly to the centrality of Jesus Christ, his sacrificial death, and the promise of heaven.”
- Bruce: “*Yesterday* Jesus ‘offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death’ (5:7); *today* He represents His people in the presence of God, a high priest who is able to sympathize with them in their weakness, because He was ‘in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin’ (4:15); *for ever* He lives, this same Jesus, ‘to make intercession for them’ (7:25).”

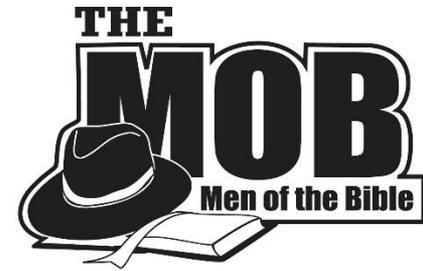
Cole: http://www.preceptaustin.org/hebrews_138-9

Bruce: Commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews (Eerdmans, 1990)



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Right Worship and Sacrifice

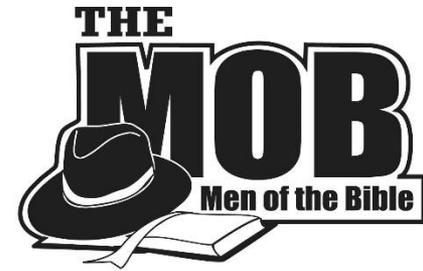


- [Hebrews 13:15-16](#)
- [Psalm 107:1-2, 22](#)
- [Matthew 25:35-40](#)
- [Micah 6:6-8](#)
- [Proverbs 21:3](#)



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Honoring Godly Church Leaders



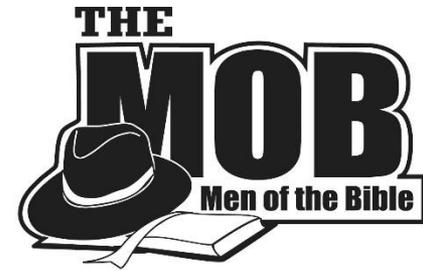
- [Hebrews 13:17](#)
- Expositor's Greek Testament: "Having exhorted the Hebrews to keep in mind their former rulers and adhere to their teaching, the writer now admonishes them, probably in view of a certain mutinous and separatist spirit encouraged by their reception of strange doctrines, to obey their present leaders, and yield themselves trustfully to their teaching."
- Greek word *hypeiko* means to yield or submit
- Compare [Galatians 1:6, 4:19](#); and [2 Corinthians 2:4](#) with [Philippians 1:3](#)

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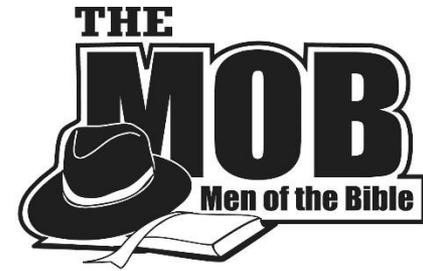
Final Thoughts



- Jesus Christ is the completed sacrifice for our sins
- Living a Christian life focuses on loving the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and loving your neighbor as yourself.
- Living a Christian life does not bring you to Christ, but instead shows Christ in you



Next Meeting



Conclusion

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 13](#)

Study: [Hebrews 13:18-25](#)

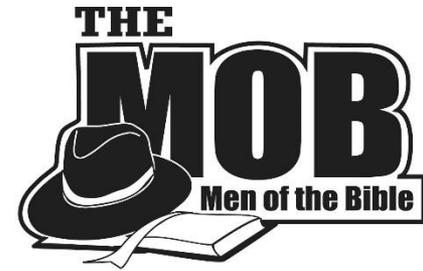
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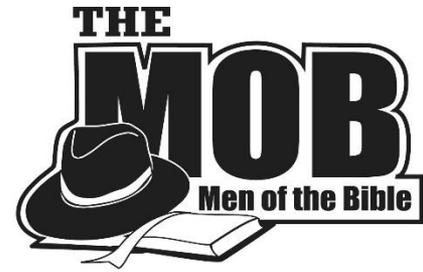
Application / Discussion



1. What is the difference between Old Testament commands and New Testament exhortations?
2. What are the barriers to brotherly love within the church? How can we overcome them?
3. Why is the picture of marriage between Christ and the church so important? How do we emulate it?
4. How do we show our contentment in Christ to those around us?
5. What doctrines regarding submitting to church leadership do we discount or neglect? How can we improve?



Closing

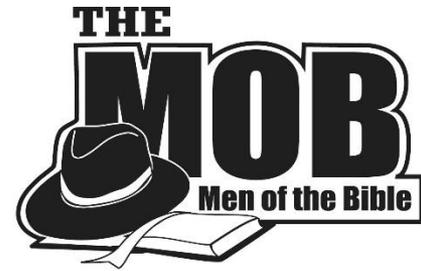


- Questions?
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- Closing Prayer



Hebrews

Quick Review & Bottom Line

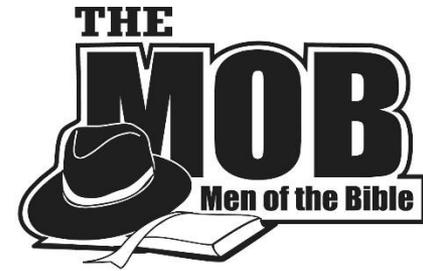


- *Pros Ebraious* (“To Hebrews”)
- Author and Place of Writing: Known only by God
(Paul, Barnabas, Luke, Clement of Rome, Apollos, Silvanus (Silas), Philip, Priscilla)
- Date: c. 64 – 68 AD ([before the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple](#) during the [First Jewish–Roman War, 66-73 AD](#))
- Audience: Jews who are...
 - Saved, but wavering due to growing persecution; considering going back to practicing Judaism
 - Close to being Saved, but haven’t committed yet
- Bottom Line: **Jesus Christ is superior in every aspect**
“There is more to be gained in Christ than to be lost in Judaism.”



Hebrews 1 - 10

Quick Review

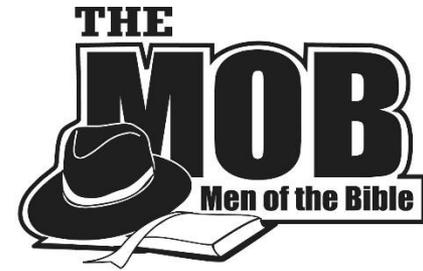


Hebrews 1:1-3	Jesus Superior to the Prophets
Hebrews 1:4 - 2:18	Jesus Superior to Angels
Hebrews 2:1-4	Warning 1: Danger of Neglect
Hebrews 2:5-18	Jesus Superior because of His Humanity
Hebrews 3:1-6	Jesus Superior to Moses in Work & Position
Hebrews 3:7-19	Warning 2: Danger of Hardening Your Heart
Hebrews 4:1-13	Challenge to Enter His Rest
Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10	Jesus Superior to Aaron the High Priest
Superior Title, Ordination (4-6), Sympathy (7-8), Sacrifice (9-10)	
Hebrews 5:11-14	Warning 3: Danger of Dullness
Hebrews 6:1-12	The Call to Spiritual Maturity
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Hebrews 11

Quick Review



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Hebrews 11:7

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Definition of **Faith**

Examples of Faith: Abel

Enoch

Noah

Abraham & Sarah

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph

Moses' Parents

Moses

Joshua & Rahab

Many Other Heroes of Faith