

The Essence of Biblical Faith, Part 2 – Hebrews 11:1

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After a magnificent exposition of Jesus as the believer's High Priest (Heb. 1:1-10:18), the author challenges us to embrace the Lord Jesus *by faith*, living lives of obedience (10:19-25), sobriety (10:26-31), and endurance (10:32-39). Now he begins to encourage us with examples of believers who did just that—they lived lives of obedience, sobriety, and endurance *by faith*. But we must understand what faith looks like, which is why we begin our journey through Hebrews 11 by understanding the sphere, function, and implications of biblical faith.

1. The Sphere of Biblical Faith: Faith is operational in unseen the sphere of *that which is promised but not obtained* and *that which is present but no observed*.
2. The Exercise of Biblical Faith: Faith is the *firm assurance* of things hoped for and the *conviction* of the existence of things not seen.
3. The Implications of Biblical Faith
 - a. Implications regarding the Sphere of Biblical Faith:
 - (1) What is *unseen* must be informed by Scripture.
 - (2) What is *unseen* is more significant than what is seen.
 - b. Implications regarding the Exercise of Biblical Faith:
 - (1) Exercising faith means we *obey* God.
 - (2) Exercising faith means we *please* God.