

The Essence of Biblical Faith – 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 must be operational in two areas:

a. That which is *promised* but not *obtained*.

“The substance of things hoped for.”

b. That which is *present* but not *observed*.

“The evidence of things unseen.”

2. The Function of Biblical Faith

Next Lord's Day:

3. The Implications of Biblical Faith