

The Promise: Faith is God's Pleasure
Hebrews 11:4-7

INTRODUCTION:

I. Faith is an act of Worship (v.4)

A. Faith enables worship

1. Faith is a gift
2. Faith bears testimony

B. Worship is about what's acceptable to God

1. Faith and worship share in righteous acceptability
2. The object (and source) of faith and worship is God alone

II. Faith is rooted in God's Pleasure (vv.5-6)

A. Faith enables faithful living

1. **Genesis 5:18-24**
2. Faith-bearing evidence is pleasing to God

B. God's pleasure is faith's pursuit

1. Faith alone saves
2. Without faith, God's pleasure is impossible
3. God's pleasure is what matters
 - a) God is the object of faith, not faith
 - b) Banking on the fact that God is
 - (1) Whoever may draw...but the "whoever" must have faith
 - (2) **Psalm 14:1**

(3) **John 6:44**

c) Banking on the fact that God is gracious (the Giver of gifts)

(1) Believing in God's promises in Christ means banking on the truth that He will reward those who seek Him.

(2) **Psalm 37:4**

III. Faith is taking God at His Word (v.7)

A. Noah believed God's Word

1. Word of warning
 - a) Events unseen
 - b) Proclaimed to the world
2. Word of salvation
 - a) Faith in God's Word produces the action that God's Word demands
 - b) Acting on God's Word (faith) brings salvation

B. Disbelief condemns the world

1. Faith in faithful reveals what condemns the unbeliever
2. Rejection of God's Word
3. God's Word states that only the righteousness of Christ is acceptable and pleasing to God
 - a) **Romans 3:21-26**
 - b) **Romans 10:1-4**

CONCLUSION: