

210110-1 He 11, 1-16, Faith, What It Is & What It Does, Pt 1—CThurman

Paul, encourages his dear Hebrew, *having boldness* to enter into the holiest of all by this new and living way (the way of the new covenant, which has so completely resolved the sin-problem between them and God) and *having* an high priest over the house of God, which is the NT church, they should draw near, hold fast, and provoke to love and good works. But instead, some of these brethren had begun to *draw back* from Christ and His people, even after suffering persecution for the cause of Christ. And this persecution came from the hands of their own flesh and blood, their own unbelieving brethren. Begin reading at He.10.35.

10.35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

36 For ye have need of patience (Gr. ὑπομονή, lit. you need to learn to abide under the strain), that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if [any man] (by context, the just) draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

If these brethren were genuinely made partakers of the new covenant, if they had believed to the saving of the soul, while the potential was in them to draw back or apostatize from following after Christ as some had done (cf. He.10.25), IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO APOSTATIZE TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY PERISH FROM EVERLASTING LIFE.

So Paul now turns his attention from *warning* against forsaking the assembling of themselves together to *instructing* them concerning what faith is and what it does.

Chapter 11

1 ¶ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
But belief confidence, ground being

faith, πίστις, a noun, is tss. *faith* (239), *belief* (1), *assurance* (1), *fidelity* (1), *them that believe* (1); the verb πείθω, is tss. *to be persuaded, to trust, to obey, to agree, to yield, and to have confidence*; the adjective πιστός, a *faithful* (one), a *believing* (one), the *sure mercies, the true God or a true saying*.

substance, ὑπόστασις, ὑπό among, by, under, with, of + ἵστημι to appoint, to establish, to set, to stand up, to stand forth, a noun tss. *confident* (lit. *confidence*, 2Co.9.4; 11.17; **He.3.14**), *person* (**He.1.3**), *substance* (**He.11.1**); the English transliteration of this Hebrew word is *hypostatic*, which is usually with reference to the union of Deity and humanity in Jesus Christ.

of things hoped for, ἐπιζομένων, gen. pl. part. pres. pass. of the verb ἐλπίζω, tss. *trust* (18) and *hope* (13); refer to the noun ἐπίς (v.23), tss. 53 times tss. *hope* and once *faith*.

the evidence of things not seen.
conviction matters

evidence, ἔλεγχος, a noun tss. **reproof** (1, 2Ti.3.16), *evidence* (1, He.11.1); the verb ελέγχω, is tss. *to tell fault, to reprove, to convict, to convince, to rebuke, to convince*.

LXXE, often *reproof*; but in Job 13.6, in the pl., *reasonings*.

of things, πραγμάτων, gen. pl. of the noun πράγμα, tss. *a thing, a business, a matter, a work*.

seen, βλεπομένων, gen. pl. part. pres. pass. of the verb βλέπω, tss. *to see, to look, to heed, to beware*.

Faith is the confidence of our hope and the conviction of things that not seen. The apostle Peter said much the same.

1Pe.1.6 ¶ Wherein (v.5, in which last time) ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving (κομίζω, bearing) the end (τέλος, the uttermost, the finality) of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Faith is the means that works in us to save our lives, to dedicate our members, our body, soul and spirit for Christ. We understand that we are not our own, but that we are bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

There is in the child of God the desire to live for him or they simply do not know Christ savingly.

I believe that Jesus was an historical figure. People without faith also believe this much about Him. But I also understand that this historical figure is the Son of God that the Heavenly Father sent for the express purpose of dying for the sins of His people and bestowing upon them life everlasting. I believe that He is God come in human flesh. I believe that He was born of a virgin; that He worked a righteousness in His life that was credited to me account. I believe my sins were credited to Him when He suffered and died on the cross. I believe that my Lord's body was put in a borrowed tomb and after three days and three night He revived Himself and came out of that tomb alive and bodily. I believe He is at this very moment at the right hand of the Heavenly Father awaiting the time when He shall come to cast down all of His enemies and rule this earth for a 1,000 years. I believe that He will install His saints to places of authority with Him over the earth during this time. I believe that one day that Jesus Christ will dispose of this entire world system and cast the unbelieving into a lake of

fire where they shall perish forever and ever and ever from the presence of the Lord, and that He will bring every single soul of His elect to a new heaven and a new earth where they shall be with Him for ever and ever and ever.

As far as I know I have a heart that is prepared to receive every truth that this Bible teaches. This Bible is the holy, inspired, inerrant word of God. And as foolish as many think I am for saying this, I believe that this KJV Bible is that word of God for the English-speaking people of the world. There has never been a Bible like this Bible. It is not another book that men may added to or take away from its message.

I understand these things because they are true. These things are as true as the truth is that God created the heavens and the earth in the very beginning. Many of you understand the same things. To varying degrees all of the saints have this same confidence and conviction in Jesus Christ. The unbelieving don't have this. It scoffs at these things that are so precious to us. To them it is all a fable.

Recently I had a man call me that I hadn't seen or heard from for many years. He was not the same person that I thought I knew then. He had professed faith in Christ, claimed to be a preacher, and pastored a Landmark church for a few months. After two brief conversations it became clear that He is an agnostic, one that believes that God cannot be known. He is and has always been in unbelief. But I would use the words of a dear from the past. 'We know the unknowable.'

1Jo 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

*Jn.8.31 ¶ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Jn.14.7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Faith is the confidence of the things we hope for and the conviction of unseen things.

1 Ἔστιν δὲ πίστις ἐλπιζομένων υπόστασις πραγμάτων ἔλεγχος οὐ βλεπομένων

ἐν ταύτῃ οἱ πρεσβύτεροι
2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.
faith were witness

obtained a good report, ἐμαρτυρήθησαν, 3ppl. aor. ind. pass. of the verb μαρτυρέω, tss. to witness (He.7.8; 10.15), to bear witness, to be of good report, to testify (He.7.17; 11.4, 5), to give testimony, to bear record, to obtain a good report (He.11.2, 39), to obtain witness (He.11.4).

Paul's reference to *elders* must be to the men of the past, though also he will name among these women. These are brought forward by name in this chapter.

2 ἐν ταύτῃ γὰρ ἐμαρτυρήθησαν οἱ πρεσβύτεροι

3 Through faith

through faith, πίστει, dat. sing. of the noun πίστις, tss. faith, (239), assurance (1), fidelity (1), belief (1).

faith – comes as a direct result of the inward working of God to quicken sinners to life.

Faith, a spiritual fruit

Ga 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith ...

Faith, by hearing

Ro.10.17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Faith, a work of God

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. (cf. Jn.3.27)

1Ti 1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

1Pe.1.21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Faith, a gift

Php 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake ...

Ac 18:27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace ...

we understand that the worlds (ages)
perceive

understand, νοοῦμεν, 1ppl. pres. ind. act. of the verb νοέω, tss. to understand, to perceive, to consider.

The fact that we have an *understanding* of spiritual things is evidence that we have faith, faith in God, faith in Christ, the kind of faith which our Lord Jesus showed as a man among men. The natural mind cannot arrive to this understanding.

1Co.2.6 ¶ Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect (cf. He.10.14, perfected forever): yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God

Faith understands spiritual things, spiritual things that also concern natural things to.

1Jo 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

To be clear the understood of faith does not bring everlasting life. The understanding of faith converts or turns the soul to all of the things of Christ. The understanding of faith is in the beginning limited, we understand so little of Christ. But it may grow, increase and strengthen as we receive more and more of the truths of Scripture.

were framed **by the word of God,**
perfectly framed together

were framed, κατηρτίσθαι, pres. infin. act. of the verb καταρτίζω, κατά as, down, after, against + ἄρτιος, adj. a perfect [man]; καταρτίζω, is tss. to mend [nets], to be perfected, to be fitted, to be perfectly joined together, to be restored, to be prepared, to be framed.

εἰς βλεπόμενα γεγονέναι ἐκ φαινομένων
so that **things which are seen were not** **made** **of things which do appear.**

which are seen, βλεπόμενα, nom. acc. pl neut. part. pres. pass. of the verb βλέπω (see above),

were ... made, γεγονέναι, perf. infin. of the verb γίνομαι, to be.

which do appear, φαινομένων, gen. pl. part. pres. mid. of the verb φαίνω, tss. *to appear, to be seen to shine*.

Faith understands that all of the ages of time is a direct result of God. Faith understands that everything that is now created was ordered in the instant that God commanded it to exist. This denies the world's system of unbelief, called evolution, which states that there was originally a mass of disordered elements, a slime pool of chaotic matter, which somehow mysteriously flashed into something that after ions and ions of time has become what it is now. Faith understands that God created and ordered all of creation after His own eternal purpose. This is the result of the creative hand of God alone.

(cf. Ge.1.1, In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth; Deu. 4.32, God created man ...; Mk.13.19, the creation which God created ...; Ac.17.24, God made the world ...; He.1.2, God by His Son ... made the worlds (ages) ...; Re.3.14, the beginning of the creation of God ...; Re.4.11, O Lord, ... thou hast created all things ...)

True faith agrees with that same faith which our Lord Jesus professed during His earthly ministry. He confessed that God created. He acknowledged a literal understanding of Gen.1.1-2.3 as correct.

Mk.10.6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

Mk.13.19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John refer to the creation account as a matter of fact in the Scriptures of the gospels, Acts, and Revelation. (cf. Mt.19.4; Mk.10.6; Jn.1.3; Acts 17.24; Jn.1.3; Re.4.11; 10.6) Paul (cf. Eph.3.9; Col.1.16; He.1.10), and also Peter (cf. 2Pe.3.4) confessed the literal creation account. A true faith will arrive to this same conclusion.

It is a terrible lapse of faith for any Christian to profess the evolutionary lie as truth. I think there are many false professors in Christendom. How do we know?

Joh 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Faith that is genuine has the capacity not only to understand, but to grow, increase, and strengthen.

2Th 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly (grows greater [than it was in the beginning]), and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

groweth exceedingly, ὑπεραυξάνει, 3ps. pres. ind. of ὑπεραυξάνω, ὑπέρ above, exceeding + αυξάνω, to grow, increase (2Co.10.15), become great; ὑπεραυξάνω, is only this once in the NT.

Lu 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. (At the question concerning how many times am I to forgive my brother. 'Cause our faith to become more and more fixed, to proceed further than where it is presently.')

increase, προσθές, 2ps. aor. imper. of the verb προστίθημι, πρὸς at, to, toward, unto + τίθημι, to appoint, ordain, purpose, set, etc.; προστίθημι, is tss. to add, to be given more, to increase, to proceed further.

Ro 4:20 He (Abraham) staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong (impowered, enabled) in faith, giving glory to God ...

was strong, ἐνεδυναμώθη, 3ps. aor. ind. pass. of the verb ἐνδυναμώω, ἐν among, at, by, in, with + δύναμις power, wonderful works, mighty works, ability, miracle, virtue, strength, might; ἐνδυναμώω, to be increased, to be strong (He.11.34), to be enabled.

3 Πίστει νοοῦμεν κατηρτίσθαι τοὺς αἰῶνας ῥήματι θεοῦ εἰς τὸ μὴ ἐκ φαινομένων τὰ βλεπόμενα γεγονέναι

4 ¶ By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, greater

offered, προσήνεγκεν, 3ps. aor. ind. act. of the verb προσφέρω, πρὸς at, to, toward, unto + φέρω to bring, to bring forth, to bear; προσφέρω, is tss. to present, to bring, to offer, to deal with and is most often found in the book of Hebrews (20, the number representing redemption); cf. He.5.1, 3, 7; 8.3 (twice), 4; 9.7, 9, 14, 25, 28; 10.1, 2, 8, 11, 12; 11.4, 17 (twice); 12.7; also see φέρω at He.6.1.

a more excellent, πλείονα, acc. sing. masc. of πλείων, tss. more, most, greater, many, further, long, more part.

sacrifice, θυσίαν, acc. sing. of the noun θυσία, always tss. sacrifice.

δι' ἧς εἶναι
by which **he obtained witness** **that he was** **righteous,**
[faith] was witnessed to be

he obtained witness, ἐμαρτυρήθη, 3ps. aor. ind. pass. of μαρτυρέω, see above.

that he was, εἶναι, pres. infin. of εἶμι, I am; cf. He.12.11.

gifts, δῶρα, acc.. pl. of δῶρον, tss. *gift* (8), *offering* (1), **which refers to freewill offerings. There were offerings which were voluntarily given by the people, offerings freely given. (Le.22.18, 21, 23, 29);** cf. δωρεά, He.6.4*the gift*; cf. He.5.1; 8.3, 4; 9.9; 11.4.

	ἐπὶ		δι’		αὐτῆς
God testifying	of	his gifts: and	by		it
	upon, over		through		[Abel’s faith]

testifying, μαρτυροῦντος, gen. sing. masc. part. pres. of μαρτυρέω, cf. 7.8, 17; 10.15; 11.2, 4, 5., 39.

gifts, δῶροις, dat. pl. of the noun δῶρον, tss. *gifts* (18), *offerings* (1, Lk.21.4)

being dead, ἀποθανῶν, nom. sing. masc. part. aor. of the verb ἀποθνήσκω, ἀπό forth, from, of + θνήσκω *to die*, tss. *to die*, *to perish*, *to be slain*; cf. 7.8; 9.27; 10.28; 11.4, 13, 21, 37, **were slain**.

	ἀποθανῶν	ἔτι	λαλεῖται
he being dead	yet	speaketh.	
	still		

he ... speaketh, λαλεῖται, 3ps. pres. ind. mid. of the verb λαλέω, *to speak*, *to talk*, *to tell*.

yet, is an adv. tss. *thenceforth*, *yet*, *more*, *further*, *even*, *longer*, *now*, *henceforth*, *still*, *moreover*.

Abel offered his sacrifice to God, he obtained witness from God that he was righteous, and still speaks to us today ... by the faith he had then.

4 Πίστει πλείονα θυσίαν Ἄβελ παρὰ Κάϊν προσήνεγκεν τῷ θεῷ δι’ ἧς ἐμαρτυρήθη εἶναι δίκαιος μαρτυροῦντος ἐπὶ τοῖς δώροις αὐτοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ δι’ αὐτῆς ἀποθανῶν ἔτι λαλεῖται

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death;

was translated, μετετέθη, 3ps. sing. aor. ind. pass. of the verb μετατίθημι, μετά with, after, changed + τίθημι to put, make, appoint, lay, bow, sink down. lay down, settle, set forth, lay aside; μετατίθημι, is tss. Ac.7.16, to be carried over; Gal.1.6, to be removed; He.7.12, to be changed; He.11.5, to be translated (twice); Jude 4, to be turned; cf. the noun μετάθεσις, only used in the book of Hebrews: tss. He.7.12, a change; He.11.5, translation; He.12.27, a removing

that he ... should see, ἰδεῖν, aor. infin. of εἶδέω, tss. to see, know; so to become acquainted with death.

and was not found, because God had translated him:

was found, εὕρισκετο, 3ps. imperf. pass. of the verb εὕρισκω, to find, to get, to perceive, to obtain.

had translated, μετέθηκεν, 3ps. aor. ind. of the verb μετατίθημι, 7.12; 11.5 (twice).

πρὸ

for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

translation, μεταθέσεως, of the noun μετάθεσις; 7.12, change; 11.5, translation; 12.27, removing.

he had ... testimony, μεμαρτύρηται, 3ps. perf. ind. pass. of μαρτυρέω.

he pleased, εὐηρεστηκέναι, perf. infin. of the verb εὐαρεστέω, He. 11.5, 6, to please; He.13.16, to well please.

God translated Enoch because Enoch pleased God by his faith. This does not mean that if we come to have so much faith that we too shall be translated. But God used Enoch as an example of what God can do for believing.

Lu 17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

5 Πίστει Ἐνώχ μετετέθη τοῦ μὴ ἰδεῖν θάνατον καὶ οὐχ εὐρίσκετο, διότι μετέθηκεν αὐτὸν ὁ θεὸς πρὸ γὰρ τῆς μεταθέσεως αὐτοῦ μεμαρτύρηται εὐηρεστηκέναι τῷ θεῷ

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him:

impossible, ἀδύνατον, nom. sing. neut. of the adjective ἀδύνατος, ἄ negative particle + δύνατος, possible, power, strong, able; ἀδύνατος, tss. impossible, impotent, can not do, weak.

to please, εὐαρεστῆσαι, aor. infin. of εὐρεστέω.

for he that cometh to God must believe that he is,
draweth near

that cometh, προσερχόμενον, acc. sing. masc. part. pres. of the verb προσέρχομαι, to come to; 4.16, let ... come ... unto; 7.25, that come unto; 10.1, comers ... unto; 10.22, let ... draw near; 11.6; that cometh to; 12.18, are ... come unto; 12.22, are come unto.

believe, πιστεῦσαι, aor. infin. of the verb πιστεύω, tss. to believe, to commit, trust; this verb is only found in He.4.3, which have believed, and He.11.6, believe; the noun πίστις, is in Hebrews tss. faith (31), the that believe (1.)

he is, ἔστιν, 3ps. pres. ind. of εἶμι, to be.

and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
carefully

is, γίνεται, 3ps. pres. ind. of γίνομαι, to become.

rewarder, μισθαποδότης, a noun of μισθός noun tss. *the hire, the wages, the reward* + ἀπό preposition tss. *of, from, forth* + δίδωμι, the verb *to give*; this noun, μισθαποδότης, is only this once in the NT., and lit. means to give forth a wage.

that diligently seek him, ἐκζητοῦσιν, dat. pl. masc. part. pres. act. of the verb ἐκζητέω, ἐκ of, from, out, out of + ζητέω tss. *to seek, to desire, to go about, to endeavor, to require*; ἐκζητέω, is tss. *to require, to seek after, to diligently seek, to seek carefully, to enquire*.

ὁ χωρὶς δὲ πίστεως ἀδύνατον εὐαρεστῆσαι πιστεῦσαι γὰρ δεῖ τὸν προσερχόμενον τῷ θεῷ ὅτι ἔστιν καὶ τοῖς ἐκζητοῦσιν αὐτὸν μισθαποδότης γίνεται

περὶ

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet,
concerning [being]

being warned, χρηματισθεῖς, nom. sing. masc. part. aor. pass. of the verb χρηματίζω, tss. *to warn* (4, **He.11.7**), *to reveal* (1), *to call* (2), *to admonish* (1, **He.8.5**), and *to speak* (1, **He.12.25**).

seen, βλεπομένων, gen. pl. part. pres. pass. of βλέπω, *to see*.

εἰς

moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house;
[was being] built for salvation unto

moved, εὐλαβηθεῖς, nom. sing. masc. part. aor. pass. of the verb εὐλαβέομαι, εὖ well, good + λαμβάνω, *to take, to receive, to hold, to bring, to come on, to accept*; εὐλαβέομαι, Ac.23.10, *fearing* (1); He.11.7, *moved with fear* (1); also, the adj. εὐλαβής, is tss. *devout* (3).

prepared, κατασκεύασεν, 3ps. aor. ind. act. of the verb κατασκευάζω, κατά by, down, at, *to work out* (cf.Phil.2.12, prefix) + σκευάζω, **LXX**, σκευάζω, 3Mac.5.31, *should have furnished*;

7 Πίστει χρηματισθεῖς Ἰωὴ περὶ τῶν μηδέπω βλεπομένων εὐλαβηθεῖς κατεσκεύασεν κιβωτὸν εἰς σωτηρίαν τοῦ οἴκου αὐτοῦ δι' ἧς κατέκρινεν τὸν κόσμον καὶ τῆς κατὰ πίστιν δικαιοσύνης ἐγένετο κληρονόμος

εἰς

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place

when he was called, καλούμενος, nom. sing. masc. part. pres. pass. of the verb καλέω, *to call, to bid*; **He.2.11; 3.13; 5.4; 9.15; 11.8, 18.**

to go out, ἐξελεῖν, aor. infin. of the verb ἐξέρχομαι, ἐκ + ἔρχομαι *to come, to go*; ἐξέρχομαι, *to come, to come out, to go out, to depart, to go abroad, to go forth, to spread abroad.*

εἰς

which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

he should after, ἤμελλεν, 3ps. imperf. of the verb μέλλω, 'to be on the point of doing, about to do' (cf. Liddell & Scott); cf. He.1.14; 2.5; 6.5; 8.5; 9.11; 10.1, 27; 11.8, 20; 13.14.

receive, λαμβάνειν, pres. infin. act. of the verb λαμβάνω.

obeyed, ὑπήκουσεν, 3ps. aor. ind. of the verb ὑπακούω, ὑπό under, among, by, of, with + ἀκούω, *to hear*; ὑπακούω, is tss. *to obey, to be obedient.*

went out, ἐξῆλθεν, 3ps. aor. ind. of the verb ἐξέρχομαι, see directly above.

knowing, ἐπιστάμενος, nom. sing. masc. part. pres. of the verb ἐπίσταμαι, *to be versed in (Moulton)*; ἐπίσταμαι is tss. *to understand (1), to know (13)*; the adj. ἐπιστήμων, once in the NT, tss. [a man] *endued with knowledge.*

he went, ἔρχεται, 3ps. pres. ind. of the verb ἔρχομαι.

8 Πίστει καλούμενος Ἀβραάμ υπήκουσεν ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὸν τόπον ὃν ἤμελλεν λαμβάνειν εἰς κληρονομίαν καὶ ἐξῆλθεν μὴ ἐπιστάμενος ποῦ ἔρχεται

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as [in] a strange country,
tenanted - a foreigner
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he sojourned, παρώκησεν, 3ps. aor. of the verb παροικέω, παρά near, beside, about + οἶκος house; the verb παροικέω, is tss. *to be a stranger, to sojourn*; the noun παροικία is tss. *a stranger, [your] sojourning*; the adj. πάροικος, tss. *sojourn, [was] a stranger, a foreigner*.

a strange country, ἀλλοτρίαν, acc. sing. fem. of the adj. ἀλλότριος, tss. *strangers, another man's strange, other men's, of others, aliens, a strange country*; **He.9.25, of others; 11.9, a strange country; 11.34, aliens.**

ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ
dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob,
in tents dwelling

tabernacle, σκηναῖς, dat. pl. of the noun σκηνή, tss. *a tabernacle (19), a habitation (1)*

dwelling, κατοικήσας, nom. sing. masc. part. aor. of the verb κατοικέω, κατά as, by + οἰκέω to house; κατοικέω is tss. *to dwell, inhabitants*.

the heirs with him of the same promise:
fellowheirs -

heirs with, συγκληρονόμων, gen. pl. of the adj. συγκληρονόμος, σύν fellow, together, with + κληρονόμος *heir*; συγκληρονόμος is tss. *joint heir, fellowheir, heirs with, heirs together*

9 Πίστει παρώκησεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἀλλοτρίαν ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τῆς αὐτῆς

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations,
expected [a permanent structure,
waited for, tarried for rather than a place that
continues with tents]

he looked for, ἐξεδέχετο, 3ps. imperf. of the verb ἐκδεχομαι, ἐκ from, of, out of + δεχομαι tss. *to receive, to take, to accept*; ἐκδεχομαι is tss. *to wait, to wait for, to tarry for, to look for, to expect*; cf. ἐκδοχή, tss. *looking for* (expectation)

which hath, ἔχουσιν, acc. sing. fem. part. pres. of the verb ἔχω, *to have, to hold, to keep, to possess*.

foundations, θεμελίου, acc. sing. of the noun θεμέλιος always tss. with the English *foundation* (16); the verb θεμελιόω, *to found, to ground, to lay the foundation, to settle*; the noun, θεμέλιος, is always tss. *foundation* (16, cf. He.6.1; 11.10).

whose builder and maker is God.
craftsman worker

builder, τεχνίτης, is a noun tss. a *craftsman* (1), *craftsmen* (2), *builder* (1)

maker, δημιουργός, a noun once in the NT, δῆμος people + ἔργον works, deeds; LXX, 2Mac.4.1, *the worker*.

By faith Abraham obeyed and sojourned.

10 ἐξεδέχετο γὰρ τὴν τοῦ θεμελίου ἔχουσιν πόλιν ἢς τεχνίτης καὶ δημιουργός ὁ θεός

11 **Through faith also Sara herself** **received strength to conceive seed,**
By **power for conception of seed,**

strength, δύναμιν, acc. sing. of the noun δύναμις, tss. power, sonderful works, mighty works, strength, ability, miracle, cirtue, abundance, violence.

received, ἔλαβεν, 3ps. aor. ind. act. of the verb λαμβάνω, to receive, to accept.

conceive, καταβολήν, acc. sing. of the noun καταβολή, tss, a foundation (10), conceive (1, conception).

seed, σπέρματος, gen. sing. of the noun σπέρμα.

and **was delivered of a child when she was past age,**
gave birth even beyond the time of age.

when, καιρὸν, acc. sing. of the noun καιρός, tss. season, convenient season, while ... time, always, due time, opportunity.

age, ἡλικίας, nom. sing. neut. of the noun ἡλικία, tss. stature (5), age (3).

was delivered of a child, ἔτεκεν, 3ps. aor. ind. of the verb τίκτω, tss. to bring forth (a son), to be born, to be delivered, to bear, to travail.

past, παρὰ, a preposition , by, beyond, past, etc.

because she judged him faithful who had promised.
deemed

because, ἐπεὶ, conj. tss. because (He.11.11), seeing, when, otherwise, for, forasmuch, else, since, for that, for then (He.9.17, 26; 10.2),,,

he ... suffered, πέπονθεν, 3ps. perf. ind. of πάσχω, to suffer, to vex, his passion, to feel; **He. 2.18; 5.8; 9.26; 13.12.**

she judged, ἠγήσατο, 3ps. aor. ind. of the verb ἡγέομαι, tss. to govern, to think, suppose, to count, to judge, to rule over, to account.

11 Πίστει καὶ αὐτὴ Σάρρα δύναμιν εἰς καταβολὴν σπέρματος ἔλαβεν καὶ παρὰ καιρὸν ἡλικίας ἔτεκεν, ἐπεὶ πιστὸν ἠγήσατο τὸν ἐπαγγειλάμενον

12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead,

have ... begotten, γεγέννηκα, 1ps. perf. ind. act. of γεννάω, tss. to beget, conceive, to be born, to deliver, to gender; cf. He.5.5, have ... begotten; 11.12, sprang, 23, when ... was born

so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

Sarah received strength and gave birth by faith. And look what came of this kind of faith!

12 διὸ καὶ ἀφ' ἑνὸς ἐγεννήθησαν καὶ ταῦτα νεκρωμένου καθὼς τὰ ἄστρα τοῦ οὐρανοῦ τῷ πλήθει καὶ ὡσεὶ ἄμμος ἢ παρὰ τὸ χεῖλος τῆς θαλάσσης ἢ ἀναρίθμητος

13 These	all died	κατὰ	in	faith,
Abel, [excepting Enoch], Noah, Abraham & Sarah		after		
		according to		

These all died as those that lived by faith. They lived according to the faith of God's elect. (cf. Tit.1.1)

not having received the promises, but having seen them **afar off,**
at a distance

having received, λαβόντες, nom. pl. masc. part. aor. act. of λαμβάνω, to receive.

Ac.2.10, *strangers*; 17.21, *which were there*, and so *transits* or *immigrants*); tss. *pilgrim* (2), *stranger* (1), He.11.13; 1Pe.1.1; 2.11.

They died not receiving the promises, but saw them in the distance, were persuaded of them and embraced them, and confessed themselves to be pilgrims and strangers on the earth.

Does this speak of us? Is this our hope. Do we ever speak of those things which are coming? Do we welcome those things?

13 Κατὰ πίστιν ἀπέθανον οὗτοι πάντες μὴ λαβόντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας ἀλλὰ πόρρωθεν αὐτὰς ἰδόντες καὶ πεισθέντες, καὶ ἀσπασάμενοι καὶ ὁμολογήσαντες ὅτι ξένοι καὶ παρεπίδημοὶ εἰσιν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

such, τοιοῦτος, meaning *this kind* or *these kinds*; in He. 7.26; 8.1; 11.14; 12.3; 13.16.

to declare plainly, ἐμφανίζουσιν, 3ppl. pres. ind. act. of the verb ἐμφανίζω, ἐν + φαίνω, *to appear, to see, to shine*; ἐμφανίζω, is tss. *to appear* (He.9.24), *to manifest, to signify, to show, to inform, to declare plainly*.

14 οἱ γὰρ τοιαῦτα λέγοντες ἐμφανίζουσιν ὅτι πατρίδα ἐπιζητοῦσιν

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

time, season return again.

had been mindful, ἐμνημόνευον, 3ppl. imperf. of the verb μνημονεύω, tss. He.13.7, *to remember* (19), He.11.15, *to be mindful* (1); He.11.22, *to make mention*; see also the verb μιμνήσκω, tss. He.2.6, *thou art mindful*; He.13.3, *remember*; see the verb μνάομαι, tss. He.8.12, 10.17, *to remember* (19), *to be mindful* (2); noun, μνεΐα, *mention* (4), *remembrance* (3); also the noun μνήμη, *remembrance* (1).

opportunity, καιρὸν, acc. sing. of the noun καιρός, tss. *time, season, a while, due season, a convenient season, a due time, an opportunity.*

to have returned, ἀνακάμψαι, aor. infin. act. of ἀνακάμπτω, ἀνά again + κάμπτω to bow; so the verb ἀνακάμπτω, is to bend back.

The potential was in them to return, but faith moved them forward with confidence and conviction (not self-originated, but produced by the word and promises of God). This potential to return again agrees with the apostle Paul's words in the previous chapter (cf. 10.38, 39) where some of the just had drawn back from following after Christ, but they could not draw back to the point of utter destruction of their soul. Suffer great loss, Yes. But utterly lost, No.

1Co.3.14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

15 καὶ εἰ μὲν ἐκείνης ἐμνημόνευον ἀφ' ἧς ἐξῆλθον εἶχον ἂν καιρὸν ἀνακάμψαι

16 But now

[because of the confidence and conviction of faith]

they	desire	a better country, that is, an heavenly:
covet after, aspire to, reach or stretch for,		celestial
set their sights on		

better, κρείττονος, gen. sing. masc. of κρείττων, adj. tss. *better* (18), *best* (1, 1Co.12.31). In Hebrews, always *better*, **He.1.4; 6.9; 7.7, 19, 22; 8.6, twice; 9.23; 10.34; 11.16, 35, 40; 12.24.**

desire, ὀρέγονται, 3ppl. pres. ind. mid. of the verb ὀρέγω, which is always in the middle voice and tss. *desire* (2), *covet after*, (1), 1Ti.3.1, 6.10; He.11.16; to aspire, to reach or stretch for, set their sights on.

These desire a country that is not of this world, but is of the next and belongs to that which is eternal in heavens.

wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God:

is ...ashamed, ἐπαισχύνεται, 3ps. pres. ind. of ἐπαισχύνομαι, ἐπί at, among, upon + αἰσχύνομαι to be ashamed (5); ἐπαισχύνομαι, is always tss. with the English word *ashame* (11).

to be called, ἐπικαλεῖσθαι, pres. infin. pass. of ἐπικαλέω, to call upon.

for he hath prepared for them a city.

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go [by way of the cross] to prepare a place for you.

This is what genuine faith is and what it does in the child of God. Some have more. Some have less. But they all have. It can grow, increase and be strengthened. It can become weak and fail. This is the faith of Christ. Is this the faith we have? Do we know Him to the saving of the soul. If so, this is how we all want to live. None of us will live perfectly but them that are perfected forever by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ CAN live by faith. Walk with Him. Don't let anything come in the way of walking with Him. Whatever it is that might come as an obstacle to us, whenever that obstacle might come set aside for Christ's sake. This is what every child of God does in his walk with Christ. We have things that potentially trip us up. None of us is any different. Those that press onward practice forgiveness and putting away. Faith is confidence in the hope before us, and the conviction of things we do not yet see. But we are going to receive the end of those things hoped, and we are going to see those things for which we are convicted. God is faithful.

16 νυνὶ δὲ κρείττονος ὀρέγονται τουτέστιν ἐπουρανίου διὸ οὐκ ἐπαισχύνεται αὐτοὺς ὁ θεὸς θεὸς ἐπικαλεῖσθαι αὐτῶν ἠτοιμάσεν γὰρ αὐτοῖς πόλιν