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Enduring Faith Defined

Heb.10:38-11:1

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of
both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to
God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will be considering how Enduring Faith is *Defined*.

Roadmap of the New Section: Enduring Faith Defined (11:1) Exemplified (11:2-40), and finally Commanded (12:1-1).

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?

- 1) 10:38-39 Enduring Faith is Required.
- 2) 11:1 Enduring Faith is Defined.

I. 10:38-39 Enduring Faith is Required.

The entire THEME of the prophecy of Habakkuk is “*LIVING BY FAITH*” and no other verse captures that theme like the one cited here. **Hab. 2:14** “Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.”

Gal.3:11 “But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith”

Rom.1:17 “For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

~ While the *THEME* of Habakkuk prophecy was ‘Living by Faith’, the overarching *PURPOSE* of his prophecy was to prove the sensibility of trusting God unconditionally.

~ This immediately takes the doctrine of FAITH out of the abstract theoretical and imports it into the living and practical.

~ Where there is no enduring faith, no long suffering with wrong and ill-willed treatment because one stands for truth and righteousness sake...then no covenant life.

“DRAW BACK” - ὑποστέλλω – hupōstēllō (Strong's G5288)

(a) of those who from timidity hesitate to avow what they believe

(b) to be unwilling to utter (speak up) because of fear

(c) to shrink from declaring, to conceal, dissemble.

II. 11:1 Enduring Faith is Defined.

(a) Definition's Relationship to the Promise

4:1 “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.”

6:12 “That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” V.15 “And so, after he (Abraham) had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.”

9:15 “...they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”

10:36 “For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.”

~ The relationship of the promise (already possessed, but not yet fully realized) to our definition of FAITH mentioned in 11:1 is that FAITH is more correctly understood as a *VERB* and not a *NOUN*.

‘**SUBSTANCE**’ – **GREEK** - ὑπόστασις - hoop-os'-tas-is (Strong's G5287)

Translated into English: confidence (2x), confident (1x), person (1x), substance (1x).

1. a setting or placing under (a) thing put under, substructure, foundation.

(**NOTES**) ‘**EVIDENCE**’ – **GREEK** - ἔλεγχος el'-eng-khos

- 1) a proof, that by which a thing is proved or tested
- 2) conviction

~ Based on this, there are two meanings in which we can further understand biblical faith in v.1.

LET'S CONSIDER...

- 1. First Meaning of the Word – PROOF.**
- 2. Second Meaning of the Word – CONVICTION.**

~ “Faith is a confident assurance in God’s Faithfulness concerning things/realities hoped for, and is a persuasion concerning the promised realities not seen.”