

How can a person please God?

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Hebrews 11:1-7

¹ Now faith is the reality of *things* hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the men of old gained approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

(Hebrews 11:1-7; NASB)

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"And without faith it is impossible to please Him,"

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- 1. The Necessity of this Faith
 - faith is the only way and means whereby anyone can please God
 - all service, duties, rituals unto God without this faith do not please Him

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- 2. The Nature of this Faith
 - believes that *He is* His absolute existence and His present power and faithfulness
 - believes that He is a rewarder a trust in God's promises based on confidence in God's character

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2. The Nature of this Faith

The life of faith lives as if God is real and His promises are certain (in Christ)

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- 3. The Example of this Faith Noah
 - he believed God's unseen promise, and responded in godly fear and humble obedience
 - Noah's ark "condemned the world" by showing the distinction between the man of faith and the world
 - Noah shows that God will deliver His righteous one from judgment by faith

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- 3. The Example of this Faith Noah
 - ➤ Noah is a type of Christ by His godly obedience in Christ saves His household from judgment

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How can a person please God?

By faith alone in Christ alone

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