

Faith in Creation, Revelation & Redemption

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Hebrews 11:1-3

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Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better! He brought a better covenant!
- Under the New Covenant worship is by faith, not the senses
- We are reminded once again why Jesus is Better!
- Chp 11 not a moralistic be like these guys but rather a see what their faith was in... the Gospel fulfilled - Jesus.

God's Revelation in Creation 3

- By faith we understand... creation
- Creation declares God: Rom 1:18-20; Ps 19:1-2
- But fallen men have rejected general revelation^{Rom 1:21-23}
- God's response is to "give them over"^{Rm1:24,26,28}
- Sexual variants, gender dysphoria rejection of God^{Gen1:27}
- We must take God's world as He tells us = faith
- Believers rest in faith
- We also realize world is fallen and under curse^{Ro8:19-21}
- God's revelation (general & special) help us understand

God's Redemption - the Gospel

- Faith (gift of God^{Eph2:8-9}) and Word shows us the Gospel
- Adam & Eve rebelled^{Gen3:7} and sought to cover up/hide
- God immediately gave hope of redemption^{Gen3:15}
- We must have faith (rest wholly upon) God's Gospel!

The Heart of the Gospel is Faith

- Hall of faith is not a moralistic - be like this...
- Shows faith – resting in God's provision in tough times
- Consider contrast between Adam & 2nd Adam (Jesus)...
- We trust God in faith because He is trustworthy!

Apply It:

- FIRST - we live in a hostile (fallen) world so we must be vigilant to not be swayed, we must teach our children!
- SECOND - We must do God's work using God's methods – not ideas we think up.
 - Church - depend upon God's methods: word & sacraments, not church growth, etc.
 - Evangelize because God calls us to

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