

# **The Hall of Faith**

## **Introduction**

- 1. In the sporting world one can visit such places as Canton, Ohio to view the great men who played the game of football and have been inducted into the Hall of Fame for their sport.**
  - A. In baseball one can visit Cooperstown, NY to view all the legends of the game throughout the history of the sport.**
    - 1) These were all great men who excelled in their sport and gave of their time and efforts to become the greatest players in their game.**
  
- 2. The Bible gives us names of individuals that have excelled in their walk of life. Men and Women who have exhibited great faith and because of that special faith have been mentioned as examples to us!**
  - A. These names are posted on the walls in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.**

## **What Is Faith?**

- 1. First we must understand what faith really is. The best definition of this word is given to us in the very first verse!**  
**Hebrews 11:1**
  - A. Assurance: Webster - "sureness; confidence; guarantee"**
  - B. Conviction: Webster - "Strong belief"**
- 2. We can also learn that ANYONE who comes to God must have this kind of faith.**  
**Hebrews 11:6**
- 3. All the men and women of old gained approval from God by this faith; and we understand that by faith we believe God created all.**  
**Hebrews 11:2-3**

## God's Hall of Faith

1. **Abel**  
**Hebrews 11:4**
2. **Enoch**  
**Hebrews 11:5**
3. **Noah**  
**Hebrews 11:7**
4. **Abraham**  
**Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19**
5. **Sarah**  
**Hebrews 11:11**
6. **Isaac**  
**Hebrews 11:20**
7. **Jacob**  
**Hebrews 11:21**
8. **Joseph**  
**Hebrews 11:22**
9. **Moses**  
**Hebrews 11:23-29**
10. **Joshua**  
**Hebrews 11:30**
11. **Rahab**  
**Hebrews 11:31**
12. **Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, Prophets**  
**Hebrews 11:32-38**

## Jesus, the Perfecter of Faith

**1. Although they gained approval - through faith - they did not receive what was promised.**

**A. Meaning not having received the fulfillment of the promise and promised blessings that are only in Jesus.**

**Acts 1:4**

**Acts 2:39**

Galatians 3:14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**B. Notice what is said in the following verses concerning these individuals who died having faith in God.**

**Hebrews 11:13-16, 39-40**

**2. Jesus, is our great example today.**

**A. He is the author and perfecter (finisher; KJV) of faith.**

**Hebrews 12:2-3**

**1) Author: "The source or cause of anything; one who makes a beginning".**

**2) Perfecter (finisher): "Completer as well as the beginner; the last as well as the first".**

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**B. As great as these individuals were that are mentioned as having a deep faith in God; they do not compare to Jesus the Christ.**

**-- He is the most complete model of faith that can be set before us. He's above all others.**

## **We must Have Faith in God and His Word**

- 1. If we want to be included in the Hall of Faith along with the great people of God we must also have faith in Him and His word.**

**1 John 5:1-5**

- 2. To obey His commands - is to have faith in God.**

**Romans 4:16-21**

**A. Abraham had great faith - We have to possess a similar faith in obeying the commands set before us if we are to reach the Hall of Faith!**

**B. Jesus said**

John 12:48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

### **1) To Repent**

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

### **2) To Be Baptized**

**Acts 2:38**

### **3) To Assemble**

Hebrews 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

### **4) To Work**

Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

### **3. To Have Faith In His Promises**

- A. That our sins will be forgiven.**  
**Acts 2:38**
- B. That our work on this earth is not in vain.**  
**1 Corinthians 15:58**
- C. That our needs will be supplied.**  
**Matthew 6:33**
- D. Of the resurrection when Jesus returns again.**  
**John 5:28-29**

### **Conclusion**

- 1. Faith is like a piece of silver - it must be used to keep it from tarnishing.**
- 2. The apostle Paul said**

Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

- A. We know what the men and women of God did long ago and what it took to be recognized in God's Hall of Faith.**
- 3. We need to realize that this is the kind of faith that you and I need today.**
  - 4. Won't you strive to join God's elite? No greater reward can one receive than to have their name written in the book of life - because of their faith in God!**

