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## The Honor Roll of Faith

## Common Misconceptions about Faith

## The universe was made of things not there

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the assurance foundation of things hoped for that which is certain, the conviction substance of things not seen.

- 2 For by it the men of old gained approval. For by it an example the men of old understood {i.e. got it, caught it}.
- 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were the cosmos was prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible so that what is seen was made out of things that are not there.
- 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.
  - through which he caught on that he was righteous. God clued him in through his gifts; though he  $\{i.e.\ Abel\}$  is dead, He  $\{i.e.\ God\}$  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 for his testimony was established 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
- 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and

**Genesis 15:6** Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

11 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised

Genesis 18:12 Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

- 32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,
- 33 34 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight
- 39 And all these, having gained approval obtained a testimony through their faith, did not receive what was promised,
- 40 because God had provided something better for us.
  - **Luke 17:5** The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"
    - 6 And the Lord said, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move"

**Proverbs 29:18** Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained out of control.