

58-Hebrews-13-Transcript

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well good evening everyone and welcome to Wednesday night Bible study tonight we are in Hebrews chapter 11 it's often called the faith chapter I think most of us are very very familiar with this chapter I think what is beneficial for us tonight is we're not just coming into Hebrews 11 out of the blue and it's you know it's tempting to do that it's a wonderful chapter has a lot of great examples there for us and it's so tempting to just go straight into Hebrews 11 it stands alone you could take keepers 11 out and stick it in Rome and stick it in Corinthians it just stands alone but it really doesn't stand alone it is part of an argument that Paul is making and so what I want to do tonight as we go through Hebrews 11 is really stay with Paul's train of thought as we move into Hebrews 11 we won't get through the whole chapter tonight we'll get through a part of it but the main thing is that we'll put it in the context of the letter

let's open with a word of Prayer and then get into the study for this evening our Heavenly Father we we cause to thank you and we pause to praise you and father we just really thank you for Jesus Christ and we praise His Holy Name we know that when we honor him we honor you he is so beautiful and yet the world rejects him the world wants to take carnal ugly horrible sinful men and raised them above him but father by your grace we acknowledge him we see him we love him and we pray father that you'll deepen our faith as we study the

faith chapter tonight that you will give us that deeper trust in Christ we thank you for him we thank you for each other that as we trust him and love him we go to trust and love each other we praise you for them we ask this blessing on our study now in Jesus name Amen so we are in Hebrews chapter 11 which is known as the the faith chapter and I'll just remind everybody that we do have the chat afterwards so if you are willing to join us for some conversation afterwards think about what you're hearing through the study and jot down any questions or comments you may have and after the study we'll be able to talk amongst each amongst ourselves at CGI Church online dot org so it is the faith chapter examples of faith that we'll be covering this evening so let's get into the study with Hebrews chapter 11 I want to just back up a little bit we will go to Habakkuk I want to cover a bit of Habakkuk as we go into Hebrews 11 so but but even before that what I want to say is this if you do an analysis of how faith and belief is used by Paul in Hebrews you'll see that it runs through the book this is really a look at hits per thousand and the different chapters and so chapter one is his opening statement and then you see chapter two three four five six he has a lot to say about faith and unbelief and then he cuts the argument about faith and belief in chapters seven eight and nine he is completely silent about what isn't completely silent but he does not discuss in detail anything about faith and belief he does talk about promise and then beginning in chapter 10 and then peaking in chapters 11 and 12 he really drives this point home about faith and so we have to ask ourselves

what is going on here why does he abort the conversation or the argument about faith and belief in chapters 7 8 and 9 when he has so much to say about it beforehand and that's that's what I want to do is kind of look at that back door to see what what led into what led into the the brief what should I say the brief just pause or break regarding the argument of faith and I think what you'll see here we'll go back and pick up the argument but what we're going to see is that in Hebrews 1 & 2 he is introducing Christ as the faithful messenger of God so he is the faithful one then in chapters three four five six he's arguing with with though the Hebrews and by extension us just how important it is to trust God and to believe in him to believe in his character and and the consequences of disbelief and if we go back in time and look at the forefathers what happened to them as a result of their disbelief and then there's this break in 7 where he then introduces our high priests because remember he said consider the apostle but also consider the high priest of our profession so in chapter 7 he then introduces the high priest of our profession the high priest according to the order of Melchizedek and he explains that in chapter 7 then in chapter 8 he explains that this high priest is administering a superior covenant and that the old covenant now is obsolete and then in chapter 9 he explains that this high priest is administering this superior covenant in a superior Tabernacle in heaven and he's bringing a superior he brought a superior sacrifice or offering to God in the Holy of Holies in this superior Tabernacle so what we see is that seven eight and nine are

also about belief but Paul is explaining why we can have this deep conviction who is behind our deep conviction it is our high priest and if we really grasp in Chapter seven eight and nine who is behind all he's in our corner he is working to make us success and if we grasp who he is and that it's impossible for him to lie this is why we can have this faith this trust this belief and then now in 10 again another warning but now he introduces the notion of considering one another so first we consider who is this messenger that God is sending it's his own son who's superior to anything that has ever preceded him then what are the consequences of not believing the messenger tragic then consider the high priest of our profession and just how much he loves us and what he is what he has done and what he is doing to make us successful and trust him because he'll consider so seven eight nine are helping us to consider the high priest and then in 10 e introduces this notion of consider one another and that's where we have to look as we move into chapter 11 don't just come into it out of the blue it's actually part chapters 11 and 12 are part of this third wave of the argument of considering one another so this is how I would structure the book consider the Apostle consider the high priest consider one another and so let's uh let's go back now and just understand this argument that that Paul has been making regarding the regarding the what should I say regarding the just give me a second here just lost my train of thought unlike Paul who keeps this train of thought if we're gonna follow Paul we have to just stay with him we can't we can't lose our right of thought so let's

go back now and just understand some of this argument that he's making about faith before we get into Hebrews eleven so in and I didn't I didn't mention that we will look at her back up but first we're gonna focus on Hebrews 11 so Hebrews three and to whom did he swear that they should not enter his rest but to them that believe not this is serious so if we start to meddle with disbelief in Christ we have an example in the past that we can look to and it's the forefathers it's not generation in the wilderness that did not believe and God swore that they could not enter into his rest and then he says here in in Hebrews 4 when he when he goes into chapter 4 now he says for unto us was the gospel preached so this is good news of of being established as a nation of kings and priests to facilitate relationship with God all over the world this was preached to them as well as unto us but the word preached to them didn't profit them it was of note even though it was phenomenal good news it had no value to them not being mixed with what with faith in them that heard it so this is the whole point that this is a superior awesome we have to believe in him for we which have believed so they didn't believe but we which have believed we do enter into this rest and this rest is the kingdom of God established on earth in the promised land that's going to bring eternal peace so we're going to enter into this rest and it's symbolized by the Sabbath as he said as I have sworn in my wrath if they shall enter into my rest although the works were finished from the foundation of the world then in chapter 6 so he's going to continue that argument then in

Chapter 6 he says that you be not slothful but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises so there are those that because of lack of faith through disbelief they're written off then there are those who because they had faith they do inherit the promises and we should not be slothful we should not be negligent we need to be followers of their examples because it's all about faith that by two immutable things in his 6:18 in which it's impossible to God for God to lie we we the Hebrews the the Hebrews of the first century the Hebrews of the 21st century it's impossible for God to lie so because we have these two immutable things the promise on the oath on top of the promise we can have strong encouragement we can have strong conviction we can have strong faith who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope that's set before us we believe in the promise of God and that's really the argument that Paul has been making here that you have when when this God makes a promise we have to believe in him we have to trust him have to understand his character very much the way Abraham did the father of the faithful that when he was an old man and is impossible for him to have children and God promised him that you will have descendants that you will be not able to number and not through a relative but through your body and so he just said okay God is say I believe it and then when he finally had the child of promise God says I need you to offer him and so he says okay I don't know how it's gonna work out but God promised that all of my descendants that will be innumerable are gonna come through this seed and yet I

have to sacrifice him there must be some way that God can work this out but I'm just gonna do what God commands me to do but I'm also at the same time I'm going to trust him and believe in him this is the way we have to reason now and follow this example and this is the hope that set before us and and the Hebrews of the first century the keepers of the 21st century we are focused on this hope of eternal life eternal life with God in the promised land as kings and priests so he says here now coming into chapter 10 let us draw near with a true heart in so this is after seven eight and nine he's now introduced the high priest to us we fully comprehend who it is that is supporting us in this adventure and so now because we understand that let us draw near with a true heart this is God this is Jesus Christ this is the son of God and he is absolutely determined to bring about his counsel to bring about his plan so let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith come on don't doubt don't be double-minded focus in full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water this is the work of the high priest for us so let us hold fast the profession of our faith and this is this is really the the point that Paul is trying to drive home don't let go don't let don't turn back don't be unfaithful just believe and hold on consider the high priest of our profession and then hold fast the profession of our faith we made a profession of faith let us not back down without wavering just be convicted just set your mind and and don't waver now here's the are you here here the

whole argument is right here and in ten
twenty three hold fast this profession
of faith what why should we hold fast
without wavering why should we be
single-minded because he is faithful
that promised and that's how he opened
the letter in chapters 1 and 2 to say
that this Jesus Christ the Son of God is
faithful in all his house he's more
faithful than Moses he's more faithful
than anybody and so because of his
faithfulness that and he's the one
that's extending this promise to us for
us to back down is to call God a liar so
if Abraham backed down and said well I
can't sacrifice my son because you you
said he's gonna come through but at the
same time God commanded him to do this
then he's saying God is a liar God
cannot do what he purposes to do if we
believe that God is God he can do what
he purposes to do and so we're not gonna
waver no matter what we're not gonna
waver why because he is faithful nothing
to do with us we are pathetic
who we are truly pathetic we are our
righteousness is amiss filthy rags we've
got nothing to offer but what we do have
is this a high priest of the order of
milk
a deck an eternal order a kingly priest
order that's what we have and he's
faithful that promised that goes on to
say I'll just back up now to chapter two
of Hebrews again this is you know he's
faithful that promised and this is what
Paul introduced in Chapter two
in all things therefore in all things
have behaved him to be made like unto
his brethren that he might be a merciful
and faithful high priest so as we
consider this superior high priest the
real consideration is his faithfulness
that all of this power and glory that he

has his fundamental character characteristic is his faithfulness he's a faithful high priest in things pertaining to God which is the function of the priest is to bring people to God to make reconciliation for the sins of the people and in Chapter three said that he was faithful to him that appointed him also as Moses was faithful in all his house but he argues that he's even superior to Moses so this now brings us to the immediate context of chapter 11 and that is let us consider one another this is the third consideration the first consideration was to consider the superiority of the Apostle and basically who were doing business with who were engaged with and better not mess with him because look what happened to those who messed with the other apostles with the other messengers there was no mercy and so if this messenger is the son of God and he's superior to all the other messengers combined consider this consider who were indeed who we're dealing with then we have to consider the high priest that yes that is a frightening thing to turn our back on the apostle but we don't have to turn our back because we have this superior high priest and in fact he spends more time deliberating and articulating the consideration of him as high priest than he does the consideration of him as apostle so he's really trying to encourage the Hebrews of first century us in the 21st century of the faithfulness and the power of this high priest when he's done that he then says consider one another and the argument that I'm making now is that this is the immediate context of chapter

11 and that we go into chapter so we read this consider one another say yeah whatever and then we come back to ourselves because everything is about us it's always about us and so he says consider one another we say yeah but right yeah okay good yeah that's that's a nice thing and it sort of stays in verse 24 instead of instead of staying with Paul's train of thought that now he's introducing a new thing for us to consider and he's going to help us to consider that and we need to get we need to break this focus of self-centeredness on ourselves

he's who he's hoping that we've got it we now understand but not everybody gets it there are others among us that may be wavering and we're to consider one another and not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is and so you can clearly see here that if we if we keep the train of thought

that were to consider one another then the reason we don't forsake the assembly is because we're considering one another it's not that you know my feelings were hurt and I want to forsake the assembly but okay I'm gonna try to be a mature Christian and so I'll come back even though I kind of don't want to because hey it's always always about me that's not what Paul is saying Paul is saying okay I hope you brass this but now consider one another because others may be faltering and so don't forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is but instead assemble and when you assemble consider the other and exhort the other and provoke the other and help the other because we're in a position where we can help each other stay faithful so the what we want

to do as we go into chapter 11
is consider the fact that okay we've got
the argument he has the message has
successfully landed for us and we are
now determined to be faithful but now we
need to consider one another and there
may be other brethren that are faltering
and so we're gonna mind our brothers
business and our brother is going to
mind our business and the body is going
to edify itself in love and build itself
up to strengthen maturity so we don't
forsake the assembling of ourselves
together as the manner of some is so
some have already walked away and and
Paulo saying don't follow them follow
the good examples and so much the more
as you see the day approaching so again
let's get this focus off ourselves we're
considering one another and we're going
to assemble and stay in community so
much more because the days approaching
you know we're turning on the news we're
accessing the news we're looking around
us we're seeing what's going on and it's
like the whole thing is unravelling fast
and there's a sense of acceleration and
even people who know nothing about God
and His Word they're worried and they
get a sense that it's not thus it's not
normal something's going on but we who
have the prophecies and the scriptures
we can see this thing accelerating and
now we're going to be in community so
much the more and even more and more and
more as time goes by because our heart
is not focused on ourselves our heart is
focused on our brother and we're
considering our brother we're
considering our sister and and we need
to be there in community so that
whatever gift we have and nobody has all
the gifts whatever gift we have we can
bring that gift and we can engage and

employ that gift and with that gift
enable others to employ their gifts and
some people have an incredible gift of
encouragement and so much the more do we
need that gift as the day approaches and
people begin to feel somewhat
discouraged so now he says now if we sin
willfully so again this again this verse
is in context of verse 24
so consider one another
now we need to make sure we're in
assembly we need to make sure we're in
community and so much the more is the
day approaching why because if our
brother is faltering let's say that
we've got the message 2020 Paul message
received
now if we sin willfully after we have
received the knowledge of the truth
there remains no more sacrifice for sins
automatically we're going to just touch
about me it's always about me but he
just said consider one another so now I
cannot forsake the assembly because
imagine if there's a brother there that
just needs the gift that I have to
encourage him or her and they don't get
it and then they think they get
discouraged and they walk away and they
sin willfully then there remains no more
sacrifice for sins but a certain fearful
looking for of judgment and fiery
indignation which shall devour the
adversaries we don't want this for
ourselves and we don't want this for our
brother or our sister and so we're
coming and we're loving each other
fervently and so much the more as the
day approaches because we don't want
anybody to fall short he that despised
Moses law died without mercy under two
or three witnesses oh how much sorer
punishment do you suppose shall he be
thought worthy who has trodden under

foot the Son of God and has counted the blood of Covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing and has done despite unto the spirit of grace so again it's always about me so I just read this and I don't want that to be me but he's saying is that Philippians mindset that don't be so consumed with yourself think of consider one another let this mind be in you that that's not so self-centered and so I'm thinking if a brother gets discouraged and walks away this is their fate I can't have that not on my watch and so we we are gonna be in assembly and just pushing I keep saying this to myself and to others there's no rewind there's no rewind we can't say like okay here's the finish line it's like wow this is a mate there's the finish line let's stop rewind and do that last mile all over again because if I had known the finish line was so close I would have ran harder but there's no rewind it is what it is and the result is the result so we need to have this view that you know whatever I can do I'm doing it and whatever gift I have I'm employing it because that's the gift that I have and and the more I use my gift the more that builds up the church so that others can use their gift and the more they use their gift the more that builds me up so that I can then give more so that the trend is built up so it can give more and it's just this wonderful cycle and then no matter what happens the church is just determined and focused and it's not wavering so we're considering one another keep that this is the train of thought now for we know him that has said

vengeance belongs unto me I will recompense says the Lord and again the Lord shall judge his people so we know him there is severe judgment coming on the Church of God and so we're doing all we can

judgment begins with the house of God we're doing all we can for each other not just for ourselves and again if we study Philippians 2 and understand that all of in Philippians 2 everything there whenever we see the word you it's plural it's a collective that he's speaking to Annie begins very much in Chapter 1 I'm speaking to the community and then he continues to speak to the community throughout the letter and so here we have the same sense don't forsake the community and look out for one another it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God and how many times have I read that and just thought it's a fearful thing for me to fall into the hands of the Living God but now when I read this in the context of verse 24 I'm thinking of my brother I'm thinking of my sister and we cannot allow this so we have to we have to be in community and I can't save the world but I can work in my community and I can do everything I can to build up and contribute to my community that's why these Christians who float around and they don't land anywhere they're making a huge very selfish mistake if you're a Christian

you need to find a community and you need to land there another for communities for everybody you know you might come to our community and you say this is not quite for me I need to find that you know I need to I want something else whatever you know God places in the body where it pleases them but the point

is to be placed in the body and not just floating around and never landing never contributing never building relationships and relationships take time relationships are difficult things go wrong but when you're in a family you don't forsake the family things go wrong you work it out you get to trust each other more you love each other more and you understand each other more so it's a fearful thing for any of us to fall into the hands of the Living God and that's why we won't forsake the assembling of ourselves together but call to remembrance the former days in which after you were eliminated you endured a great fight of afflictions so Paul is saying remember where you were and you had a very difficult period you were being persecuted and you endured it when you were you were brought into the truth of Christ you were enlightened you're a baptized to receive the Holy Spirit and you put up with the tribulation of smalti' with the persecution and he says partly while you were made a gazing stalk both by reproaches and afflictions and partly while you became companions of them that were so used so it was a very very difficult time for Christians and you know what brethren that time is coming back that time is most certainly coming back and if you take a look at this recent video from the we had a shooting here in in Toronto on the Danforth and afterwards you see a Christian man here protesting he's protesting Islam and the media's treatment of his lab he's not protesting Muslims any makes that very clear but look at how he is being reproached look at how he's being made a gazing stalk and understand that these scriptures that were going back 2,000 years but

they're in the scripture
because they're actually forward-looking
this is our future and they're here to
encourage us to get through the future
this is not just historical but take a
look at this no charges are laid police
are right there we know who did it
they say nothing they do

[Applause]

[Applause]

police are right there
no charges are laid there's the
perpetrator right there if it was the
other way around
if it was pushing a Muslim into that
water it would be worldwide news and it
would be relentless coverage and most
certainly charges would be late but to
do this to a Christian man who cares
police are right there watching and this
is what we need to understand the police
are there to serve and to protect to
protect all citizens but all over these
Western democracies the police are being
politicized and they're being told to
stand down for certain things allow the
violence to take place allow whatever
come what may allow just watch and stand
down and so this is in the scripture for
a reason and this is the future that
we're facing so it's good good news by
the way for those of you who were
watching the Tommie Robinson situation
in the UK he has been released the
highest court in the land the highest
judge in the land has basically rebuked
the judge that sentenced him sentenced
Tommy Robinson to death basically said
that the whole process was shoddy it was
it was irresponsible and any quashed it
and so now he's out on bail and we're
gonna hear pretty soon how he was
treated while he was there fortunately
he's still alive but we're gonna hear it

soon the news will come out the stories
will come out how he was treated while
he was in jail he may not be a Christian
as we understand Christianity he is
certainly a soldier for Christian
principles and he is symbolic of of the
future these things creep in and they're
happening all around us in the creeping
in now they were made of gays in stock
and they stood up to it but now they're
faltering and this reminds us in
Revelation where Christ says look to
Ephesus I've got something they were
doing here all these wonderful things
and crisis saying look you've left your
first love and

I'm gonna come and I'm gonna fight
against you I have this against you
you've left your first love and so again
this way we can't forsake the assembly
people do get discouraged discouragement
is the devil's work we can be high and
just doing so well and then the
unexpected happens and we just we lose
we lose our mojo we lose our groove we
lose our momentum and sometimes a
brother or a sister is there with the
gift of encouragement with that ability
to love and comfort us and it's what we
need sometimes a brother is there with
the Word of God and the wisdom and
they're just able to say the right thing
at the right time we need each other we
need each other together and we just we
have no idea my mother used to say to me
when I was young you see today you can't
see tomorrow it is so true we can't see
tomorrow and we have no idea but what we
do know is Christ can see tomorrow and
he's our faithful high priest so he goes
on in Hebrews 10 context for an 11-4 you
had compassion on me in my bonds and
took joyfully the spoiling of your good
so it's like if you're a Christian then

you're gonna even if you were not attacked if you help those who were we're gonna confiscate your property as well knowing that you have in heaven a better and an enduring substance so they did have this faith back then he's saying cast not away therefore your confidence which has great recompense of reward to this whole reward of eternal life for you have need of patience that after you have done the will of God after you've done the will of God you might receive the promise for yet a little while it's just a little while and then we cross the finish line and there's no rewind and he that shall come will come and he will not tarry so he will not tarry so it seems like a long time but he is coming and when he comes it's gonna be fast now this is the context for Hebrews 11 this verse now the just shall live by faith but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him and that the chat last week just as we were finishing up JD made the comment that Paul makes the same statement in Romans and Galatians and my wife was telling me that the commentary she was looking at in Romans he's emphasizing the just in Galatians he's emphasizing faith and in hearing Hebrews he's emphasizing live and I actually disagreed with that I said no he's emphasizing all three the just will live by faith but I've actually been studying this further I have to agree with the commentary that the emphasis here is on live and so let's just quickly look here in Romans in Romans 3:20 60 sets to declare I say at this time God's righteousness that God might be just and the justifier of him which believes in Jesus therefore we conclude that a man

is justified by faith without the deeds of the law so here he's emphasizing the faith for I and then here says I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation front everyone that believes the Jew first but also the Greek and for their in his righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith as it is written the just shall live by faith

so the context shows very clearly and my wife also said to me this is clear proof that Hebrews was written by Paul because he's using this same phrase but just using it with slightly different emphasis on through the three words in each one so here it's faith it's about faith and then in Galatians for as many as are the works of the law are under the curse and now this is going to be about the just for it is written cursed is every one that continues not in all the things which are written in the book of the law to do them but that no man is justified by the law in the sight of it is evident for the just shall live by faith so here he's emphasizing the idea of justification where God justifies and he declares that we are righteous and that does not come by the law it comes by faith but the just will live by faith not everybody but the just now in Hebrews 10:38 as I said initially I thought and always emphasizing all three but no he said the commentary is right he's emphasizing live now the just shall live so I should really remove those two highlights and we should be focusing on the word live this is all about facing death and the Hebrews are about to face of an extreme level of persecution which could be fatal and Paul is encouraging them that the just shall live by faith but if any man

draw back my soul shall have no pleasure
in him so the drawing whatever this is
it's so frightful that the temptation is
not to face it it's so it potentially
fatal you don't want to face it because
all of us want to stay alive nobody
wants to be hurt but if you draw back
and you don't face it God will have no
pressure we have to have this faith like
Abraham that hey if we lose our life no
problem because God promised us eternal
life so we can live even though we die
now to fully appreciate this we just
need to pick up the context in Habakkuk
so we'll just quickly go to Habakkuk and
let's see let's see then what Ibaka says
to us

let me just come here and get tobacco
Cup here

Habakkuk 1 which is 1 and part of 2 to
get the full context the burden the
burden which Habakkuk the Prophet did
see oh this is the burden that he saw Oh
Lord how long shall I cry and you will
not hear even cry out unto you of
violence and you will not save so
Habakkuk is that it's the end of his
rope there is so much corruption in the
covenant community even violence people
are being violent with one another and
God isn't doing anything and Habakkuk is
that is what sinned he's saying I've
been crying out to you over this
corruption in the community and you
won't do anything why do you show me
iniquity and cause me to behold
grievance for spoiling and violence are
before me and there are the Rays of
strife and contention this is what's
going on in the covenant community and
and Habakkuk has an apostle he's
bringing the law to them he's bringing
the Covenant to them and they're just
going from bad to worse and he's

complaining now to God saying why are you showing me this but you won't do anything and he says because you won't do anything therefore the law is slapped with a covenant community are a bunch of hypocrites and the law is slapped and judgment does never go forth everybody's just afraid to judge and and God's judgment never goes forth for the wicked doth come pass about the righteous the wicked are actually in charge that with the wicked are running the show and they're compassing around the room they're surrounding the righteous therefore when judgment does proceed it's wrong judgment now this is Habakkuk complaint now listen to God's answer God says behold you among the heathen and regard so don't look for the answer within the covenant community look outside in fact look among the heathen look at the different heathen nations and regard consider it and wonder marvelous this is gonna blow your mind wonder marvelously why for I will work a work in your days which you will not believe though it be told you I'm gonna tell you what I'm gonna do you won't believe it this is gonna blow your mind what is it what is this work that God is going to work we don't have to make it up we don't have to say you know I hey I'm a prophet I'm doing a special work this must be talking about me I'm gonna work this special work this is all nonsense God tells us he tell us about cook what this special work he first he tell us about think you're not gonna believe if I tell you about he tell us about cut and then Habakkuk doesn't believe it so what is this work he says here's here's what I'm gonna do for lo I raise up the Chaldeans that bitter and hasty nation

so where is Chaldea Chaldea is what we call Iraq today so if you look at the ancient map of Chaldea you'll see Media which Media Persia that's Iran today and below that you'll see Arabia but between Arabia and Iran is what we call today Iraq these are the Chaldeans they're south of Iran but north of Arabia this is the area of the Chaldeans and so he says anciently but this is a prophecy for the end time he says I'm going to raise up this bitter and hasty nation which shall march through the breadth of the land to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs they are terrible these people that come out of Chaldea and dreadful there are judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves they've got their own laws they've got their own ways and they they make up stuff to give them glory their horses are also swifter than the leopards and are more fierce than the evening wolves and their horsemen shall spread themselves and their horsemen shall come from far and they shall fly as the Eagle now when it says they shall come from far not only is it the horsemen or not only is it the Iraqis but their ideology has spread through what we call Mena Middle East and North Africa and so the same ideology is empowering this Chaldean ideology is empowering a whole army and this army now it says here in the scripture that their horsemen shall spread themselves and their horsemen shall come from far and they shall fly as the Eagle that hastens to eat so these people make a landfall in Spain and they just run and they run into the towns and they commit lawlessness so this this is what the scripture tells us

that these are vicious vicious people
and he goes on to say they shall come
all for violence that's the agenda to
come for violence their faces shall suck
up as the East we'd wind and they shall
gather the captivity as the sand so they
are coming to enslave and again is there
just going to enslave people like
they're gathering sand just the way you
would scoop up sand they're gonna be
scooping up human beings and they're
going to gather them as sad and they
shall scoff at the Kings and the princes
shall be a scorn unto them they'll have
no regard for people in power and they
shall derive every stronghold for they
shall heap dust and take it then shall
his mind change and he shall pass over
and offend imputing this power unto his
God now Habakkuk was told but he doesn't
believe it he says are you not from
everlasting

Oh Lord my God my Holy One we shall not
die how can you do this so he said you
won't believe what I'm gonna do
he tells him you know Habakkuk say
believe this with there's no way we're
not gonna die Oh Lord you have ordained
them for judgment and Almighty God you
have established them for correction you
are of purer eyes than to behold evil
and you cannot look on iniquity
therefore look thou upon them that deal
treacherously and hold your tongue when
the wicked devours the man that is more
righteous than he how can you allow this
so yeah we've got problems but how can
you take people that are more wicked
than us to destroy us and makes men as
fishes of the sea they just gather men
as if they're gathering fish as the
creeping things that have no ruler over
them they take up all of them with the
angle they catch them in their net and

they gather them in their dragon that's what's happening today and it's gaining momentum all around the world and they're there the one called this migrant or refugee it's really these are invasions into the Western nations therefore they rejoice and they're glad therefore they sacrifice unto their net and burn incense unto their drag because by them their portion is fat and their meat plenteous so this is how they gain wealth and their dreadful they have an ideology that's dreadful and they gain wealth this way shall they therefore empty their net and not spare continually to slay the nation's so they're spreading out to slay the nation's from Chaldea he says I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower and will watch to see what he will say unto me and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd so he knows he's out of out of line here contradicting God and but he still wants to hear from God to say like well what is this I don't believe this let me let me hear what God's gonna say back to me and the Lord answered me and said write the vision and make it plain upon tables this is dreadful dreadful stuff your job as the watch man is to communicate the message they're not gonna like it but you just communicated make it plain upon tables why that he may run that reads it there's a response that God wants here and you know if it's a physical response run for your life if it's a spiritual response run to the high priest run to our high priest understand what's going on understand the signs of the times understand what's unfolding and get to Christ and build up your your depth of relationship with him and with the community for the vision is

yet for an appointed time there's an appointed time but at the end it shall speak this is a vision for the end and so write it down make it plain and who responds responds and who doesn't doesn't but your job is to make it plain and it will speak at the end and it will not lie that this is you know again the book of Revelation we have to read it and read it over and over again because there's a blessing there for us because it will not lie and that's true that's reality and whatever's going on around this we're so easily deceived information is withheld from us fake news is presented to us God says don't be deceived and the way not to be deceived as to stay in revelation and to align everything with revelation because it's the truth and this prophecy which is aligning with revelation will speak at the end he says it will not lie though it tarries wait for it because it will surely come it will not tarry and this is why we do not forsake the assembling this is why we consider one another because this thing is coming and it's gonna be dreadful we're already seeing signs and indications of where we're going behold his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him but the just shall live by faith and here in its original context we can see there is terror coming on the land upon the covenant community that that God is bringing from Chaldea over to the community covenant community to punish the covenant community and to wipe out the Scriptures as fearfulness the hypocrites we cannot be hypocrites so that we can be unwavering and so he's bringing us over now if we are not hypocrites even though this thing is coming and it's coming wholesale and it

will not tarry the just shall live by
his faith and actually it's actually by
faith now this is what introduces this
is what Paul is introducing Hebrews 11
with that there's an understanding that
at the end this prophecy is going to be
unfolded and these people are going to
be marching through the land with a
terror and a ferocious ferocity and a
fierceness but the just shall live by
faith

and so how does Paul prove to the Hebrew
community that the just shall live that
despite this danger that just shall live
by faith

he proves it with Hebrews 11 and what he
does in Hebrews 11 is he shows the
Hebrews a whole bunch of dead guys so
the way that you can know for sure that
the just shall live by faith I'll tell
you how you can know because I'm gonna
tell you all the people that have died
so you're afraid of dying let me
encourage you by telling you about the
just and how they all died and that's
how you'll know that the just shall live
by faith that this this is Paul's
profound reasoning that we have to
believe in the promise and the promises
that God is going to take the
descendants of Abraham which came down
through Isaac down through Israel he's
going to make them a nation of kings and
priests and they're going to be this
nation of kings and priests in the
promised land the land that he promised
to Abraham and that's the promise and so
you're we're facing death potentially
fatal catastrophe here and what we
realize is this wholesale slaughter but
be faithful unto death and I will give
you a crown of
that just shall live the same way that
Abraham looked at his son his only

covenant by son by the promise by
covenant and and he was commanded to
offer him and he just said I don't know
how this is gonna work out but my son
will live because he is faithful that
promised and so the Hebrews of the first
entry the Hebrews now in the 21st
century we have to say to ourselves I
don't know how this is gonna work out
because this is a bitter and a hasty
nation that is that is involved in
invasion and they're being protected and
they're being encouraged and they're
accelerating and it's anti Christic it's
against the God of the Bible and so I
don't know how this is gonna work out
but he is faithful that promised and
that's what chapters 7 8 and 9 were all
about just how powerful he is and how
faithful he is and so you know what
we'll live if we are the just and the
just means that God has justified us God
has assigned righteousness to us the
same way he assigned righteousness to
Abraham because abraham believed so
Abraham was it was counted righteous
because of his faith we are counted
righteous because of our faith in Jesus
Christ

once we are accounted righteous will
live so it's not something that we are
doing it's what God is doing the
actually I would translate this as the
just shall live by faith I would say
though those counted righteous those as
those assigned righteousness by God will
live eternally because of their trust in
God but that's what I would say those
assigned to be righteous those assigned
righteousness by God will live eternally
because of their trust in God their
trust in his promise so now the we know
that we're gonna see a bunch of dead
guys because Paul tells us in verse 13

these all died in faith so the just shall live by faith these all died in faith but they're all gonna live and they died not having received the promises but they saw them from afar off than they were persuaded of them and they embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth and so this is how we have to be that these all died in faith but they live if we die in faith we live and this is the faithful high priest so don't be afraid of death that's what that's the devil's power over us that we're afraid of death

once we've died then

hey I'm dead to this world so now that fearfulness is gone and we can just be unwavering and just focus on the vision of what God wants and he says here in verse 39 we'll come into this but I just want to proceed the chapter with this these all having obtained a good report through faith received not the promise and this is the key that we must be among those that obtained a good report and how do we obtained a good report by our righteous acts no through faith we believe in this God he came to earth as a human being he was slaughtered and he was resurrected he came back to life he was tough he's the firstborn of the Dead and we believe that that's our he's the pioneer of our salvation

so his path is out we're on the same path and so we're after this good report through faith and they didn't receive the promise but they never wavered they knew the promise was coming and so in 1039 he says here we are not of them who draw back unto perdition so you can be in the community but if you draw back if I draw back we're drawn back unto perdition we are going to face the

fierce wrath of the Living God but we're not of those so some have drawn back there's a category of believers that have drawn back and they've turned aside we're not of them we're of those that believe it's all about faith to the saving of the soul so this is the context now for Hebrews 11 that were considering one another we understand the apostle we understand the high priest we understand the consequences of rebelling against the Apostles message not believing in the high priest and we've got that 20/20 but we're not gonna forsake the assembly of our of ourselves together because brethren may be faltering these are crucial times this this this is a very very difficult period ahead of us and so we need to be there for each other and now Paul is gonna give us the ammunition of encouragement so that we can encourage others that just as he's encouraging us we can now take this knowledge this understanding and encourage others so it's not it's not all about ourselves it's it's a real understanding of community so he says so now he's going to explain now faith is the substance of things hoped for so so when that promised land is out there this kingdom of God this nation of king-priests this is the promise and we are hoping for it and the fact that we have this hope the substance of that hope is faith that it's the Holy Spirit in us that is enabling us to trust God did this distrust is foolishness if you if you don't have the Holy Spirit and you try to explain this to somebody that doesn't have the Holy Spirit it's just pure nonsense but with the Holy Spirit it makes sense and we believe it and that's the substance that's really like

the the indication the evidence he
actually says it it's the evidence of
things not seen so we can't see it right
now but we know it's tich true Habakkuk
was told ways for it
divisions for an appointed time
you want though it tarries wait for it
because it won't tarry it's gonna be
here and this whole plan of God is
reality and even though it doesn't look
like reality and we're being fed
illusions we know what is true and so
it's the evidence of things not see and
he says for by it by this thing called
faith the elders obtained a good report
and that's what we're after the God will
see that we trust him we believe in him
we believe it's impossible for him to
lie and it is this faithfulness that we
can obtain a good rapport as well and so
here we see where where Christ is
talking to again we want to make sure
we're tying this back to Revelation
where he says I know your works and your
labor and your patience and you cannot
stand them that are evil you've tried
them that are apostles and I've found
them liars these are this is all the
illusion that we're words we're
surrounded with but we know what's true
and we're going to believe in what's
true and we're not going to falter we're
not going to lose that first love so
despite all of this good works here they
lost their first love and we went with
faith we don't do that through faith we
understand that the worlds were framed
by the Word of God this is the power of
God's Word framed by the Word of God so
that things which were things which are
seen were not made of things which do
appear things that are seen were made
from something that was invisible and so
just because it's not visible right now

doesn't mean it's not true just because
it's not visible right now doesn't mean
it's not reality God's Word is reality
and everything God says is true and
everything God says is going to happen
is going to happen and we're settled or
unwavering we understand what's going to
happen by faith now he's going now we're
going to go through the timeline it's
gonna go back to able by faith Abraham
or excellent sacrifice than Cain by
which he obtained witness that he was
righteous so there was a faith that Abel
had that caused him to behave
differently Cain didn't have that
and so Cain probably there was something
in his sacrifice that was just a bit
obviously there was something in his
sacrifice that was less than optimal
they didn't care because he didn't
really believe Abel really believed and
with that gratitude and awe and honour
he brought the best that he had God
testifying of his gifts and by it he
being dead yet speaks the just shall
live by faith Abel is dead but he's
going to live but even though he's dead
he still speaks he speaks to us from the
grave and so don't be afraid of death be
afraid of being outside of God's will
but as long as we're in God's will
nothing to fear nothing to fear even
though he's dead thousands of years ago
here he is still speaking to us by faith
Enoch was translated that he should not
see death and was not found because God
had translated him for before his
translation he had this testimony that
he pleased God so some people say well
Enoch didn't die but he did die because
Paul just told us these all he gives us
the list and then he says everybody on
this list died so Enoch died and this
word translated if we go into the Greek

if in fact if you write to info at CGI'd
org and ask for the Sermon on anak and
Elijah and both Mike James and pastor
George Rama cantata James and pastor
Roma Khan have both gone into this in
detail and it's just so clear I can't go
into all the detail here but translated
just means remove to move from one place
to another so by faith Enoch was moved
to another place and the death he would
better translate he will not see death
he will not see the second death and so
here you see in in Revelation 20 blessed
and holy is he that has part in the
first resurrection on such the second
death has no power so by faith Enoch was
translated he was faithful in fact
Genesis 5 tells us all the days of Enoch
were 365 years and that
so he lived for 365 years and that's it
no there was no other days for you knock
so he's dead
in fact Christ says that no man has
ascended up to heaven but he that came
down from heaven so if he went to heaven
Christ would have said you know I was up
there Enoch was just with Enoch but now
I've come down but he not left 365 days
he died in faith the second death has no
power over him that just shall live by
faith but without faith it is impossible
to please him for he that comes to God
must believe that he is and that he is a
rewarder of them that diligently seek
Him
so this is again we're considering one
another and so we're realizing that it's
impossible to please God without faith
and so we may have strong faith but we
cannot forsake the assembling of
ourselves together because others need
our faith they need to be in the fist
this strong conviction is contagious you
see like wow that's so inspiring and it

just builds us up and so we will not forsake the assembly because without faith it's impossible to please him and there may be some who are in the community but they're losing their faith and it's impossible to please him and so I hate to say it but without faith we are facing perdition we are facing the wrath of God for he that comes to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him in other words the promises that he makes are good they're good if God promises something don't be like the forefathers that didn't believe and God swore in his wrath there's no way they're gonna enter the promised land but instead we have to believe so I want to now go into Abraham but I think rather than do that it's 8:30 now rather than getting to here because there's a lot there's a lot that we can now from Abraham and then the other elders as well but remember the way that we know that the just shall live by faith is by looking at these dead guys and all of these they knew that they believed in God's promises and they knew they would inherit the promises and death death meant nothing to them because God is faithful and so the Hebrews in the first century here in the 21st century the world is changing if you're a Christian you need courage all of a sudden Western nations have given up Christ they've given up Christianity they're throwing it under the bus they want they want to get rid of it as quickly as possible and so it's gonna take a lot of courage to be a Christian to be a faithful Christian and it's gonna take community it's gonna take a lot of encouragement courage and courage you're gonna have courage you

need to be encouraged and you don't get that courage by yourself so and again people are isolated but they tune in they take advantage of building community and we need to make that effort for isolated brethren as well we need contact of the Spirit flows through one another and so fellowship is more than just companionship the Spirit is flowing and gifts are edifying and building up the body so let's let's continue next week God willing to work through the the chapter of faith these examples of faith and what we'll do next week is we will work through the rest of the examples of faith and at first I thought I would just do this chapter and do it really quick because it's been done so much but there's just so much here so I'm hoping we'll finish it next week God willing but maybe we'll we'll take another week as well depending on how the analysis of the chapter goes but isn't Jesus Christ a wonderful he's powerful he's a mighty no one can withstand him all of this not since this rejection of Jesus Christ it's so hard to understand he is so beautifully so loving he's so focused on wanting to do magnificent things for mankind through Israel and we have been blessed to be grafted into Israel there but for the grace of God go we and so let's be good to one another let's pray for one another let's pray for the world and let's preach this gospel and that that reminds me you know if you enjoying these into these studies please share them with friends we've got to get this message out like us on Facebook share us on Facebook share with your friends tell them to find us on YouTube and let's get people into the Word of God and understanding it so

hopefully you're able to join us for the
chat will do that over at CGI
Church online org and we're looking
forward to talking with you over there
Jesus Christ is Lord he's king he is
mighty and he is wonderful praise God
God willing we'll see you next week