

# Faith in God

Heb. 11:6

## Introduction:

- A. God cannot be pleased without Bible faith (Heb. 11:6)
  - 1. Enoch pleased God and was rewarded for his faith (Heb. 11:5, 6)
  - 2. Israel displeased God and was cursed for their unbelief (1 Cor. 10:5; Heb. 3:17-19)
  - 3. Faith in God is the only reasonable and hopeful course of life.
- B. Our text demands faith in three attributes of God.

## Discussion:

### I. We must Believe That God Is.

- A. "God is" suggests the ever-living God
  - 1. The I AM (Mk. 12:26-27; John 8:58)
  - 2. "Living God" 30 times in Bible (cf. Matt. 16:16; 1 Pet 3:15)
- B. "God is" is far more reasonable than "God is not." (Cf. Psalms 14:1; Romans 1:22)
  - 1. The Atheist must accept either total non-existence or the eternity of matter.
  - 2. The Atheist must accept origin with an originator, order without orderer (cf. Watch)
  - 3. The Atheist must ignore the marvelous nature of the Bible.

### II. We must Believe That God Rewards.

- A. God has shown He is willing and able to reward man (The cloud of witnesses - Heb. 12:1; 11:40)
- B. God has promised rewards worthy of our desire.
  - 1. The remission of sins (Matt. 26:28; Rev. 21:27)
  - 2. The *glorious* resurrection (1 Cor. 15:42-44)
  - 3. The abundant entrance into eternal life (2 Pet. 1:11; 1 John 2:25; Rev. 21:3-4)

### III. We must Believe that God Requires.

- A. God promises rewards to "them that diligently seek him"
  - 1. To seek is to serve (cf. Matt. 6:33).
  - 2. To seek is to obey (Examples in Heb. 11)
- B. God attaches conditions to the promised rewards.
  - 1. The remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 8:22)
  - 2. The *glorious* resurrection (John 5:28, 29; 1 Cor. 15:57-48)
  - 3. The eternal life (Heb. 5:8, 9; Rev. 2:10; 14:12, 13)

## Conclusion:

- A. Is the God of Heb. 11:6 the God you believe in – that He is, rewards and requires.
- B. Do you want to please God today? Put your faith to work (Gal. 5:6; James 2:18)