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HEBREWS STUDIES – PART TWELVE BIBLE STUDY

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BACKGROUND: This sermon is based on HEBREWS, Chapter Eleven.

00: 25 M/S

HWA: Now in the last broadcast, my friends, we've been going into the question where did Elijah go? Did Elijah go to heaven and what about Enoch where you read that Enoch was translated; that he should not see death? And God took him and he was not. Did he go to heaven? Now, I have been going into that matter because we've been going through this book in the New Testament that covers the whereabouts of Jesus Christ now, where is Christ now, what is he doing? And what's he been doing for 1900 years? Of course, anybody that know any thing about the Bible at all, knows that the Bible says that Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead after being three days and three nights and still everybody doesn't seem to know that, they seem to think that the grave only one day and two nights but actually, it was three days and three nights and that He ascended to heaven. Now everybody seems to know that if they know anything about the Bible. Perhaps, a lot of people just don't believe it. But, what did he do up there or did He just go way off? Has He just sort of disintegrated? Or, is He still around someplace. Has He had anything to do? What has He been doing all this time?

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HWA: And we've been going through the book of Hebrews, that tells us the mission of Christ now. Now, we had come up to the faith chapter, we found here in the fifth verse explaining by some case histories and certain personal experiences of some of the ancient prophets; well it had started out in about the fourth verse of Abel offering a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, obtaining witness that he was righteous, but he did it by faith. And then Enoch was translated that he should not see death and was not found because God had translated him but before his translation, he had this testimony that he pleased God. But without faith it's impossible to please Him for He that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him--([Heb. 11: 6](#)).

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HWA: Well, we came into this matter of Enoch here, in this chapter on faith, and so it brought up the matter; where is Enoch? And then, since Elijah is a similar character you might say, God took him up in a whirlwind, as you read in 2 Kings, 2:11, that Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven and so we covered that. Now did he go to the heaven where God is? Is Elijah up there now? I read you what Jesus Christ had said hundreds of years after Elijah had gone up in a whirlwind and even still more hundreds of years, of course, after Enoch had been translated and Jesus Christ said, [No man has ascended up to heaven](#) but He that came down from heaven, even He Himself --([John 3:13](#)). Now, I also read to you, where Jesus had come from heaven, from the very Father's throne in heaven. That's where He had been all those hundreds of years. Now, if Elijah was there, He would have seen him. If Enoch had been there, He certainly would have seen him, but [He said they weren't there](#) [John 3:13].

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HWA: Well then, what about it, wasn't Enoch translated? Wasn't he made immortal? And, didn't Elijah go to heaven when it says Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven? Now, of course, I've explained that, some of you perhaps didn't hear it. Those of you did perhaps you'd like to have it in print. *Where did Elijah go and what happened to Enoch?* Was he made immortal and where are they now? What happened to them and where are they now. I think that you would like to have that in print so that you can study it in your own Bible. Is there a contradiction when Jesus said, "No man has ascended up to heaven" and yet you read that Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And you read right here in Hebrews 11 that "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death. And was not found because God had translated him."

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HWA: Now, I've given you the truth about it and the correct Bible explanation. But if you would like it in print, just write in for the booklet about Elijah and Enoch. We'll get it to you as quickly as we can; and there's no charge, I do want you to just do this, tell me the station to which you are now tuned. Write the station call letters of your station to which you are listening,.. first. Write that down first then tell me that you want the booklet on Elijah and Enoch. We'll get it to you as rapidly as we can. Of course now, there's no charge. So, I'm sure that most of you are going to want that, write in for it. And, I'll have it ready.

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HWA: Now then, I want to get back into this faith chapter. Here is one of the most important, practical chapters in all of the Bible. You know, so many people say, well, I just can't understand the Bible. Let me tell you, you don't know what you're missing. Because you're missing something that you need in your own practical everyday life. Now, are you someone that never has any difficulties, any troubles or problems of any kind? For instance, you don't have any financial worries of any kind? You may be, but if you are, let me tell you, you don't have very much company. Nearly everybody I know have their financial troubles.

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HWA: Now, in the Bible, you have a promise that there is a supreme being, God Almighty, that says He will deliver you out of every trouble, that He will supply your every need. Maybe you're having trouble making ends meet. Maybe you do worry a little bit about where, maybe not tomorrow's bread and butter is coming from, but maybe you're worrying about where next week's or next month's bread and butter is coming from. A lot of you are. And I've seen the day when I did too. Maybe, you need to have a little faith once in a while. God has promised to supply all your needs. But if you ask Him, do you ever get the answer? Do you get the answer? Now, it all depends on faith. "According to your faith be it unto you," said Jesus --([MT. 9: 29](#)). Now, why is it so few people have faith to get answer to prayer? You know, this is a practical thing, you need this in your everyday life. You need guidance and wisdom.

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HWA: And, we read back here in James, if any man lack wisdom, and you do lack it, let me tell you that, you do lack it. Now, I came to the point where I realized how much I lacked wisdom. I told you about that before. And, how I just took God up on what He says back here in James. He said, ""If any man lack wisdom, let him asked of God that gives to all men liberally and upbraids not, and it shall be given. [But next, did you notice the next verses, this in the first chapter of James, and in the sixth verse he says,] But let him ask in faith! Nothing wavering, for he that wavers is like the wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Let not that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord"" --([James 1:5-7](#)). If you ask in prayer for anything from God and you waver, in other words [if you don't have absolutely perfect faith](#) you're going to receive it, well, don't you think that you're going to get anything at all.

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HWA: So, this thing of faith is so important, my friends, it's a practical thing. God has things you need. God will deliver you out of all your troubles, He'll

show you the way, He'll give you wisdom, He'll supply all your need --([Phil 4:19](#)). Why I tell you one time, for this work, we were in a position where we had to have,.. I didn't know that I needed so much,.. Now, just to show you how it works, I thought that we needed about 15 or 20,000 dollars. And it worked out that what we needed was fifty thousand dollars in one month's time. And, in those days, we didn't have anything like that amount of money coming in. And, consequently, I had to rely on God Almighty. Now, I talked to God about it, and I said that this it your work; you've started it and you called me to do what I'm doing, I'm merely an instrument in your hands. It isn't my work, I said, God, this is your work. And we were going to lose this college and all of the property here. The work was going to be stopped! As a matter of fact, at the time, because of the financial situation, we had been off of the air practically for about six or eight months, and it was a frightful situation. Actually as I say, I thought we needed 15 or \$20,000 and,.. I told God to send our need and we needed fifty and that's what God sent. Now there's he sent a lot more than we needed. Usually, you ask God for the \$50,000 and He knows you maybe need fifty cents, that's what He'll send.

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HWA: I've told you about the time when I had to ask God to send a dime and send it right away and I thought I would get at least a dollar. And I tried to get the dollar but a dime is what I got and it was on the way. Well, I was praying and I had it inside of five or ten minutes and I asked God in that case to send it to my house, because we were in such conditions we had to have a dime. Now, believe it or not. Well, a man didn't give it to us but we had something that he wanted to buy and the man came to our door right at that second. And the dime came. I tried to get a dollar but I couldn't. I could only get a dime. And, you know, God has promised to supply your need. Now, if you overestimate, and ask God for more than you need, He's probably want give you what you need. But, here was a case where I underestimated and needed a lot more than I asked for, and God sent it. He certainly did. Now, I know by personal experience this thing is practical, my friends, it really pays. It pays off. It gets results. There isn't any make believe about it and I've been in circumstances where I've had to asked God for this, that and the other thing; not once, not twice not even five or ten times but literally hundreds and hundreds of times. And God has never denied me anything I needed at any time. If it was real need, I want to tell you, I've always had it but I've learn to asked in faith.

11: 23 M/S

HWA: Well now, most people say, I just can't get any faith. What do you mean, [you can't get faith](#)? What is faith, and how do you get it? Now, we

started in this faith chapter and I want to go right on with it now. You know, we've covered the first few verses here. Faith is the substance [or the margin is the assurance,] the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen--([Heb 11:1](#)). Someone was telling, oh, I didn't bring it down, I... should have brought it down to the studio; there's another translation of the Bible that makes that a little plainer that just things 'hoped for'. Anyway, faith is your assurance that you have. You don't hope for anything after you've got it. I was explaining that on a reason program here, perhaps a week ago, I remember when we started on this and if you hope for something, you don't have it. Because you don't have to hope for it after you already got it. Then you know have it. You're not hoping for it anymore.

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HWA: And, faith then is [your evidence or your assurance](#) of what you hope for. That you are absolutely certain of having it. And faith is a [real knowing](#). I don't know,.. altogether how you know except that you just know that God is and you know that He is trustworthy; He is reliable. You know, I want to tell you reliability is one of the most important things in the world.

12: 51 M/S

HWA: What is your word worth? When I find a man whose word is not trustworthy and that he misrepresents,.. maybe he thinks that it's just a white lie, maybe he thinks, well, it would hurt my feelings to know something so he's careful to guard the truth and sort of misrepresent a little bit and lead me to believe something different. Now, when I find it out, I don't have confidence in that man anymore. A man whose word is absolutely true and you can depend on it; a man who is dependable and if he's going to do a thing he says he will or promises; you'll know he'll keep his word. Now, there's a man you can trust and how much is that worth? But when a man begins to lie, and you've caught him in a lie two or three times; I don't think there is any worse sin than that. Because, if you've found that he's lied two or three times, he's willing to lie, then you never know when to believe him. You can't have any confidence in such a man. None whatsoever. Trustworthiness, there's is nothing more important in your character than that.

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HWA: Now, God is trustworthy. And when God has promised to do something, can you trust Him? Now, I know, God is no liar. And I know, God is able. And I know God is trustworthy. And I can place confidence in Him. He tells us not to place our confidence in men. Because men are likely to disappoint you. Instead, God tells us we need to have a lot of charity for men. And love them, even your enemies. That's hard, isn't it. But, if you're a

Christian, that's, well,. the love of God in you heart will enable you to do it, I don't think you have the kind of love that will love your enemies. But that the kind of love Christ had. His own enemies crucified Him, He looked up on the cross and said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they're doing" -- ([Luke 23: 34](#)). That was the love of God. Now that's the love you get from God! Now in the same way that you get that love from God, you get faith from God because [faith](#) is [one of the gifts of God](#). You read of it in the chapter about the gifts of God; in the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians. And how God gives faith. Faith is a gift from God. And if you'll trust God and you believe Him, and if you obey Him, He will give you faith. And then you can really have faith.

15: 15 M/S

HWA: Well, Faith is trusting that what God has said, he will do! One reason we don't have faith you expect God to jump at the crack and do it the second you ask Him. And if you don't get it right away, you don't have faith, in other words, you don't want to have faith you just want to have the possession. Well, you'll have to have faith until you get it, after you got it you don't need any faith anymore. In other words, now you have faith, you don't have what you've asked for. But, it'll be replaced, the faith is the substitute then in a way, and it'll be replaced by the very thing you asked for because God will send it if it is promised it in His word. The first thing to know is whether it is God's will. Now, it is God's will to do a lot of things. Your Bible has thousands of promises that God has given you. He has promised these things. And God is really a.. God is a being or a family of beings,. actually. And, God is the supreme ruler and being of all the universe. And He really is. And he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him --([Heb. 11:6](#)). And He will do what He has promised. Now, some people will find that God is really there, I found it.

16: 27 M/S

HWA: And then a time comes,.. someone is lying very desperately ill and you can find a promise in the Bible that God has promised to heal them. Now, if you want to know, what the Bible does teach about it and whether God heals; You know that Christ healed the sick when He was on earth, and does He still do it today? Or was that just something for the time then and is it all a thing of the past?

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HWA: Write in for our book on healing I mention that every little while on this program and if you don't understand that write in for our booklet on healing and you will,.. it'll make it plain if you., you should read a lot of it in your Bible

besides and you'll see right there in your own Bible that [God has promised to heal you](#).

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HWA: Of course you have to obey Him and you'll have to believe and trust Him, that's true. Well, I've learned that and I believe it and therefore I get the answer. It isn't any hocus-pocus or any hooey about it or anything of the kind, it's real. The answers are real when I get them. I've had a dime when I asked for it and I've \$50,000 when I asked for less and thought I didn't need that much but God sent it. He's always sent [what we need](#). Maybe not as quickly as we wanted it either and another thing you can't tell God when. That's a mistake people get. When they don't get right away they lose faith; well I didn't get it. Why your faith must endure. You must be patient in your faith. But the trying of your faith works patience, as James tells you--([James 1:3](#)). So, God often delays the answer a long time, just to try your patience and see if you'll still believe Him.

18: 04 M/S

HWA: Now through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God. He's the Word that spoke and it was done, you know. So that the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear--([Heb. 11:3](#)). In other words, matter didn't come out of matter. Matter actually came from something that doesn't appear. Perhaps from spirit, that God created matter. "By faith, now Abel, offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous," [He, shed the blood of an animal which was a substitute showing his belief and faith in Christ, it was done in faith. So it's explained here in this faith chapter] "by it he being dead, yet speaks"--([Heb. 11:4](#)). By that he speaks, not that he is alive and speaking, and its says [he being dead](#). It doesn't say he's alive, does it?

19: 03 M/S

HWA: Now, people think Enoch went up to heaven; by faith Enoch was translated. Well, I showed you what this word 'translated' means. It doesn't mean what a lot of you think. That he should not see death, not that he did not see death but that he should not see death. And was not found because God translated him. That's why he wasn't found too. You write in for this article and that'll explain all of that. And if you didn't understand it fully, what I did explain it on the program here, one or two broadcasts back, write in for that booklet on Enoch and Elijah, and it will explain it. "For before his translation [Enoch] had this testimony, that he pleased God"--([Heb. 11:5](#)). Why? Well, he walked with God. Now, you can't walk with God unless you agree with Him, because you find in the scripture the question, its put in the form of a question,

“Can two walk together except they be agreed?”--([Amos 3:3](#)). You can't walk with God very far unless you agree with Him. And He's not going to agree with you where you're wrong, you aren't going to change God or His Opinion or impression at all. But you have to agree with God if you're going to walk with Him. Well, Enoch did. And to agree with God that means He obeyed God.

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HWA: But without faith it is impossible to please him: [Now there again, you're certainly not pleasing God and in another place you read that] “Whatsoever is not of faith is a sin”--([Ro 14: 23](#)). [For whatsoever not of faith is a sin! So, my friends, you are committing sin,.. if you don't have faith. “And the wages of that sin is death”--([Ro 6: 23](#)). It's going to cost you your very salvation. Well, how are we saved? ““We're save by grace through faith. And that not of ourselves, if that faith is the gift of God. Not of works less any man should boast. Why, because we are His workmanship, created in true righteousness and holiness unto good works which God before had ordained that we should walk in them””--([Eph. 2: 8-10](#)) [That's Ephesians 2, verses eight and on to about the tenth or eleventh verse; if you read all of it].

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HWA: So, you see, you're saved by faith, and whatsoever is not of faith, is of sin. And sin, has a penalty and that's death and that'll cost you your salvation. So this thing of faith is mighty, mighty important. Without faith it's impossible to please God.] “for he that cometh to God must believe that he [God] is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”--([Heb. 11:6](#)). Do you believe that? Are do you just still say, Well, I know God could do it, but I not sure He will. I know He could if it's His will but I don't His will. My friends, in the Bible, in Ephesians, you read that we're to be not unwise, but [understanding what the will](#) of the Lord or the [ETERNAL](#) is --([Eph. 5: 17](#)). Now, He tells us what His will is. Do you read your Bible, do you study it to find out? Well, it's there, that's Ephesians 5: 17, “Wherefore be ye not unwise.” We surely lacking wisdom, if you don't know that. And what is the will of God? And if you lack wisdom asked of God and He'll tell you. I just quoted that scripture a minute ago. You can understand what the will of the Lord is because the [Bible is the expression of His will](#). If you don't have a Bible, I, I'll tell you, I'd go without a few meals, if necessary. Now,

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HWA: By faith Noah, being warned by God of things not seen as yet, [Now he didn't see it, he didn't see this flood coming, he was warned of things not seen as yet. My friends, on this program, I'm warning you of things that are coming

that are not seen yet. I'm warning you of a terrible drought and an epidemic of disease that's coming that is going to take 1/3rd of the lives of all of the people of the United States and I want to tell you that it's coming in a very short time. Now, I'm not setting the date because the date isn't given. But, it's coming in a very short time. Now, that's something that is impossible for you to see, but it's based on the same prophecies from God and come from the same God that told Noah; a flood is coming. He couldn't see it! But he believe it. You can't see this drought that's coming. I'm telling you there is an invasion coming on the United States with the Hydrogen bombs and our cities are going to be blown off the map. God Almighty says so; its in your Bible whether you've seen it or not, my friends. That's something not seen. Do you have any faith in it; to act on it? God told Noah a flood was coming. Everybody else on earth but Noah scoffed. "Noah was a preacher of righteousness" --([2 Peter 2:5](#)). That means he preached obeying God.

24: 14 M/S

HWA: And you prove your faith by your obedience and he obeyed God and built this ark. The rest of them said, 'look at that old crackpot'. Building that ark, thinking a flood is coming. Why, there's never been anything like that. Well, we believe in evolution; everything continues just like it always was, just by resident forces and by the laws of nature that are in action, its always gone that way and it always will. There isn't going to be any flood. 'Look at that crackpot Noah'. He believes in some superstition. He believes in that God and that that God said there's going to be a flood. Look at him, building that great big ark. What's he going to do with that big monstrosity when he gets it built. They ridicule him. Noah didn't pay any attention, he kept right on building. You know, finally that flood came. They were all drown like a lot of rats.

25: 11 M/S

HWA: And I want to tell you something, my friends, this drought and this disease epidemic is coming. You just count the people you know; every third one of them is going to die. And then, there's going to be an invasion and every third one is going to be taken in that and that only leaves one out of three. Now that means you and your children, if you don't come under God's protection, but God has promised you safety and divine protection if you believe, if you prepare. Noah prepared and it didn't hit him. The rest of them scoffed and it did drown them like rats. Now, what about you, my friends, you and I are facing these living things that are going to take our lives in our generation. "Without faith it's impossible to please God!" By faith, Noah being warned of God. As you're warned of God in the Word of God in your Bible. And I'm bringing these things out. Do you really believe these things that are in your

Bible. I tell you, don't believe me, don't take my word. Believe God, believe your Bible. Will you search it and find out and see it with your own eyes in your own Bible? That's all I asked you to do. And then have faith in God, not in me. Not in your preacher or me or any body. Don't put your faith in men, but listen: Listen without prejudice. Listen to your preacher. Listen to me. That's what I asked you to do. That's God's way, my friends, and that's written in your Bible.

26: 36 M/S

HWA: “Noah being warned, of God, of things not yet seen, moved with fear, [You better move with fear, my friends,] He prepared an ark for the saving of his house”--([Heb, 11: 7](#)). And you can save your house if you will listen. God help you and to heed and begin to have a little faith.