

Daily Bible Readings

Our Read-Ahead for: 11 September 2022

Faith Is Assurance

Monday: The Trusting Child (**Mark 10:13–16**)

Tuesday: The Trust of the Weak (**2nd Chronicles 14:2–12**)

Wednesday: The Prayer of Trust (**Psalm 3**)

Thursday: The Security of Trust (**Psalm 4**)

Friday: The Confidence of Trust (**Psalm 27:1–6**)

Saturday: The Patience of Trust (**Psalm 27:7–14**)

Sunday: The Certain Refuge (**Hebrews 11:1–3, 6; Psalm 46:1–3, 8–11**)

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Bible Background:

Printed Text: **Hebrews 11:1–3, 6; Psalm 46:1–3, 8–11;**

Devotional Reading: **Psalm 27:1–6**

Keep in Mind: “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” (**Hebrews 11:1, KJV**)

Focal Verses

Hebrews 11:1–7; Psalm 46:1–11;

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 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.

6 But without faith it is 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.

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Psalm 46:

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

¹ Urban Ministries Inc, *Directions* Adult edition, June-August 2022; *Faith Calls for Perseverance*, 04 September 2022

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

46:8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Aim for Change

By the end of the lesson, we will: KNOW the meaning of faith and its implication for our lives; FEEL God's constant presence; and DEVELOP a practice of relying on God for positive change.

In Focus

In today's lesson, we learn that when we experience conflicts in life, we can trust God by faith to see us through.

I. The People, Places and Times

Sons of Korah: Psalms 42 through 49 were written by the sons of Korah, who were temple musicians and assistants. The Korahites were among the chief Levitical families; they were listed as "gatekeepers." Korah was a Levite who led a rebellion against Moses. Although Korah was killed, his family remained faithful to God and continued to serve in His temple. King David appointed men from the clan of Korah to serve as choir leaders.

Psalms: The title "Psalms" was first used in the Septuagint. The traditional Hebrew title is *tehillim*, which means "praises" but most of the psalms are *tephillot*, which means "prayers."

II. Background

The writers emphasized the superiority of faith to encourage the Christians of the first century to stand by faith. Christians were demoralized and discouraged because centuries of tradition were replaced with spiritual freedom based upon faith in Christ. As a result, the believers experienced the wrath of the Jewish religious establishment because they believed in God's greatest promise, Jesus Christ the Messiah, who fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament.

III. In Depth

1. Faith Is Confidence and Certainty (**Hebrews 11:1-3**)
2. Faith Is Necessary (**Hebrews 11 6**)
3. Faith Is Trust in God as Our Refuge (**Psalms 46:1-3**)
4. Faith Is Trust in God Whose Presence Is Constant (**Hebrews 11 8-11**)

IV. Take Aways

V. Announcements

VI. Closing Prayer