

TABLE 1. Was the Hope in this Life or in the Next Life?

Hebrews 11	The hero and act of faith	Hope in this life?	Hope in the Next Life?
verse 2	The forefathers in our Christian faith obtained a good testimony.	It must have given them some comfort to know that they would be remembered for their good testimony	However the testimony as recorded in the Bible was for the future generations, and the good works recordings in heaven.
verse 3	verse 3 is about us: faith that the world was framed by God. ^a	Benefits in this life for good or evil: either we benefit with the rewards of faith and hope in this life; or being in a godless evolution, we reap what is sown in culture.	God, who had our hairs numbered, Who knows when we sit down or get up, also notes every little act of faith and hope for the eternal record.
verse 4	Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice.	Benefits in both lives: in this one as a witness was laid on him of a right or righteous life, also God witnessed it.	.and for the next life, it was recorded and noted that He was righteous, a characteristic needed for those new people that will inherit the new earth!
verse 5	Enoch walked with God and pleased God.	You can have the hope of the challenge in this life that you also can please God and walk with God. A big in the present life benefit for Enoch was that he did not have to pass through the drastic change of death.	You can see how God wanted his friendship with Himself up there in heaven, and how welcome Enoch must have felt!

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verse 6	faith in faith and hope itself	with faith: you can please God, and you can have confidence to come to God, which you must do in order to be rewarded in this life and the life to come. If you believe that "He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him", as contrasted to those who ignore and neglect Him except during suffering and calamity, then you will bare min be rewarded with "God's grace is sufficient, for His strength is made perfect in weakness."	faith with its side kick of hope is really the only means of entering into this after life, that is real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ of our Lord God the Father, and the means that they have provided for salvation.
verse 7	Noah built the ark	surely this epitomizes the "against hope" of the world, since the rest of the world scoffed until the rains and flooding	Noah became "an heir of the righteousness which is by faith", which bespeaks of rewards in both lives.
verse 8	at the command from God, Abraham left his home for an unknown inheritance	There was some hope in this life in that because of this faith in God, Abraham did find the promised land of Canaan for himself, his family, and his heritage in the Jewish people.	God also acknowledge Abraham as the friend of God, as the father of two great peoples--Jews and Arabs--and a supreme example for all Gods people of faith.

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verse 9	by faith Abraham moved to a foreign land and lived in tents with his family	This would have to be also in the “against hope” category of the life on earth. Surely there was not a large amount of comfort, as the world considers comfort, in a heathen land and in tents.	Now, besides being considered the father of 2 great peoples, Abraham is our great forefather in the faith.
verse 10	this is the hope that faith in God brings, Abraham “waited” in hope and faith	“for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”	Faith and hope in God the maker and Creator, and faith in the city of New Jerusalem that He has promised
verse 11 and 12	the faith and hope of Sarah and Abraham	AGAINST HOPE: “By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child, when she was past the age...”	“...because she judged Him faithful Who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born many as the stars of the sky in multitude--innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.” ^b

a. This was not a Conviction previously mentioned, but among those who have the most trouble with sin, suffering, evil and pain are those who have no faith that God created us and the Universe. With an increase of that faith in God with more realization of all these natural details of His design, comes more hope both in this life and the life to come.

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- b. Actually it would be better to have 3 columns, the first on this present life, the second on the influence and heritage on this world to future generations, and then the third in eternity. However that can be left as a fruitful exercise for you--much better than misery and more beneficial--as you might want to complete the rest of the verses of Hebrews 11 in your own chart, or mind!
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