

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. Hebrews 11:1-3 (NIV)

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. Hebrews 11:7-8 (NIV)

And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered Him faithful who had made the promise. Hebrews 11:11 (NIV)

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. Hebrews 11:13 (NIV)

The bridge between faith and hope is the promise of God

Biblical faith is confidence that God is <u>who He says He is</u> and that He always <u>keeps His</u> promises.