

# **Sunday School Lesson**

**September 11, 2022**

**Faith is Assurance**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 6;  
Psalm 46:1-3, 8-11**

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# Questions for Us Today

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How strong is your faith?

How has your faith been tested the most?

# Sunday School Lesson Objectives

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1. To gain a better understanding of the meaning of the word “faith.”
2. To understand why the Lord requires our total faith.

# Sunday School Lesson Segments

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1. Bibliography
2. Points of Information: Hebrews, Psalms
3. Lesson Context
4. Lesson Text

# Points of Information – Hebrews

The authorship of the Book of Hebrews is unknown. Its writing has been variously attributed to Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Luke, Priscilla, Apollos or others.

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Most Biblical scholars, however, are certain that the Apostle Paul is not the author.

# Points of Information – Hebrews

Hebrews 13:2 contains a clear admonition for how we are to treat people whom we might not know:

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“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

# Points of Information – Psalms

The Hebrew title – “tehillim” -- of this Book means “praises.” The Greek word “psalmoi” means “songs,” from which the idea of “songs of praise” or “praise songs” comes.

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The Book of Psalms covers a thousand year period, from the time of Moses to the post-exilic period.



# Points of Information – Psalms

David wrote almost half (73) of the 150 Psalms in our Bible.

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Other authors include Solomon, Asaph, Moses, the sons of Korah and possibly Ezra (as an editor).

Approximately 48 Psalms are anonymously authored.



# Faith is Assurance

## Context

The Hebrews writer aims to bolster the faith of the readers by using examples from key ancestors and by reiterating the omnipotence and faithfulness of Our Lord.

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## Text – UMI Outlines

### Hebrews 11:1-3; 6

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1. Faith is Confidence and Certainty (Verses 1-3).
2. Faith is Necessary (Verse 6).

# Hebrews 11:1-3 (NRSVUE)

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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the Word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

## Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would approach God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

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## Text – UMI Outlines

### Psalm 46:1-3; 8-11

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3. Faith is Trust in God as Our Refuge (Verses 1-3).
4. Faith is Trust in God Whose Presence is Constant (Verses 8-11).

# Psalm 46:1-3 (NLT)

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God is our refuge and strength,  
always ready to help in times of  
trouble.

So we will not fear when  
earthquakes come and the  
mountains crumble into the sea.

Let the oceans roar and foam. Let  
the mountains tremble as the waters  
surge!

# Psalm 46:8-9

15

Come, see the glorious Works of the Lord; see how He brings destruction upon the world.

He causes wars to end throughout the earth. He breaks the bow and snaps the spear; He burns the shields with fire.



# Psalm 46:10-11

16

“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I will be honored by every nation.  
I will be honored throughout the  
world.”

The Lord of Heaven's Armies is  
here among us; the God of Israel  
is our fortress.

**Remember these things:**

**Just like our faithful ancestors,  
our faith in the Lord should not  
waver.**

**It is not enough to simply  
believe in the Lord. We must  
believe that He will do what He  
promises.**

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