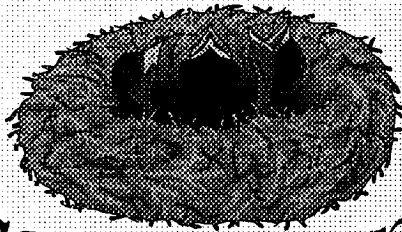
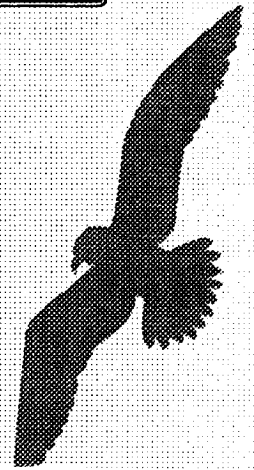


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*



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Trusting Jesus

"Simply trusting ev'ry day,
Trusting through a stormy way;
Even when my faith is small,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Brightly doth His Spirit shine
Into this poor heart of mine;
While He leads I cannot fail;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Singing if my way is clear,
Praying if the path be drear,
If in danger, for Him call;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting Him while life shall last,
Trusting Him 'till earth be past;
Till within the jasper wall;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him what-e'er befall.
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

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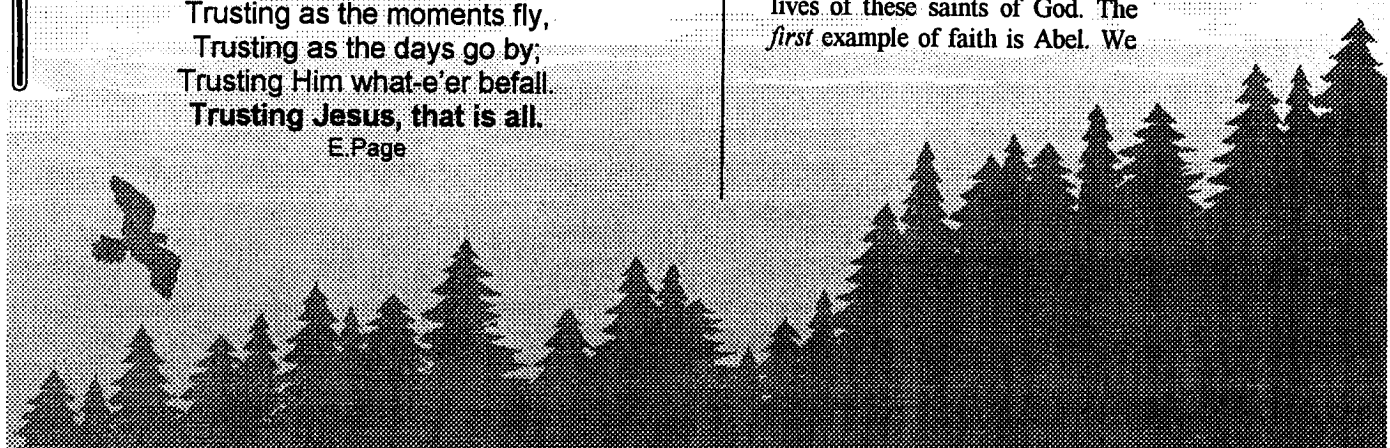
Dear Friends,

If you were asked the question: "What is the love chapter in the Bible?" I'm sure most of us would answer: "1st Corinthians 13." There is another chapter in the Bible that is often referred to as the "Faith Chapter." It is Hebrews 11. The word, "faith" occurs 24 times in that chapter. (KJV).

In this great chapter sixteen people are mentioned by name. Fourteen of these people are men and two are women. This chapter has been called the Westminster Abbey of those who persevered by faith through very difficult trials. The people in this faith chapter knew what it was to "wait upon the LORD," to have their strength renewed, "to mount up with wings as eagles," to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31. I would like to briefly look at these sixteen people in this issue of "On Eagles' Wings and future issues.

What is faith? It is confidence in the trustworthiness of God. If God said it, I believe it and that settles it. Trials will test our faith in God as we will see in the examples of these saints. But "faith tested is faith strengthened; it is to have learned our weakness and the faithfulness of God.

Also to have learned God's tender care even in sending the difficulty, that we may be there with Him." JND. We will see this faith in God manifested in the lives of these saints of God. The first example of faith is Abel. We



read that "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." What did Abel offer to God? One of his sheep. What did Cain offer to God? The fruit of the ground. See Genesis 4. What was the difference? The fruit of the ground represented the labor of Cain's hands. The sheep represented the death of an animal. What do we learn from this? We learn that because we have sinned we cannot approach God with the work of our hands. The very best that we can do cannot take away our sins. If we are to approach God and be saved we must remember that He has provided a Lamb for us. John the Baptist announced: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. If we want to have our sins forgiven we need to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. So the first mentioned act of faith mentioned in this chapter reminds us that "By grace are you saved, through **faith** and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.", Ephesians 2:8,9. So by his offering Abel still speaks to us today.

The *second* example of faith is found in Enoch. In the book of Genesis we read that he walked with God for 300 years and then he was not for God took him. We also read in the book of Jude that he preached of coming judgment. Here we read that he was translated (or taken up to heaven) that he should not see death. Why? Because "he had this testimony, **that he pleased God.**" Our number one objective in life should always be to please God. How easy today it is to please our selves or others. Soon like Enoch we, too, shall hear that shout and be translated to glory. What a day of rejoicing that will be! "**But without faith it is impossible to please Him:** for He that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." (v 6).

The *third* example of faith is Noah. He was warned of God of things not seen as yet. What was Noah's response? First: he was moved with fear, or a godly reverence. Secondly: he was a preacher of righteousness, 2 Peter 2:5. Thirdly: his faith in God led to the salvation of his family. Have we been warned of things not seen as yet? The Bible tells us that a day is coming when the "Lord Jesus will come from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord" (2nd Thessalonians 1:7-9). What should our response be? "**But ye beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**" (2 Peter 3:18)

The *fourth* example of faith is Abraham. Abraham lived in Ur of the Chaldees which is today in Southern Iraq. God called him to leave his country and go to a place that he would later inherit. And he **obeyed**, even though he did not know where he was going to end up. This was the *obedience of faith*. When he arrived in the land that God had promised to him, which we know today as Israel, we read that *by faith* he lived there dwelling in tents and never really owning any land there except a burial plot. He became a pilgrim and a stranger in the land that God had promised to him. Why? Because he had 20/20 spiritual vision that looked forward to that city which had foundations.

Verse 10. We are told about that city in Revelation 21: 10-27. We, too, are pilgrims and strangers in this world. See 1 Peter 2:11.

Hymn writer T.R. Taylor beautifully describes the truth of it in these words:

We are but strangers here,
Heav'n is our home!
Earth is a desert drear--
Heav'n is our home.
Dangers and sorrows stand
Round us on ev'ry hand:
Heav'n is our father-land,
Heav'n is our home.

What though the tempest rage,
Heav'n is our home!
Short is our pilgrimage--
Heav'n is our home!
Times wild and wintry blast
Soon will be overpassed:
We shall reach home at last--
Heav'n is our home!

Therefore we'll murmur not--
Heav'n is our home!
Whate'er our earthly lot,
Heav'n is our home!
For we shall surely stand
There at our Lord's right hand!
Heav'n is our father-land,
Heav'n is our home!

The *fifth* example of faith is found in Sarah. When God first announced to Abraham that Sarah would have a son, Sarah laughed within herself thinking that could never happen because she was past the age to have children. But later she received strength to conceive seed when she was ninety years old. How could that be? Because she judged Him faithful who had promised. Sarah called her son, Isaac which means "laughter" because she said, "God has made me to laugh." (Genesis 21:6). May we say with the apostles, "Increase our faith." (Luke 17:5).

In His wonderful love,

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