

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous,

Hebrews 11:4cont.

God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him.

Hebrews 11:5cont.

Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,"'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!

# Traditions Then and Now:

- 1. Nation of Islam
- 2. Hebrew Israelites
  - 3. Kemeticism
- 4. Spiritual (African, Cultural, etc.)

In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground,

and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering,

but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.,

The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?

If you do well, will you not be accepted?
And if you do not do well, sin is
crouching at the door. Its desire is
contrary to you, but you must rule over
it."

Genesis 5:24

Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.