Welcome To Open Bible Hour Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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"WHAT IS FAITH?"

Hebrews 11:1

January 5, 2014

Looking ahead -

Jan. 12 (Next Sun.) - OBH will meet in Rooms 283/285.

Heb 11:1

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

Heb 10:34,38,39

34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.

38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;

39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

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"faith" - pistis - faith, belief, believe

"assurance" - Upostasis - substance, foundation, confidence, assurance

"conviction" - elegxos - conviction, evidence, proof

FAITH IS:

Faith is confidence in God's Word and the expectation that God will perform all that He has promised to us.

FAITH IS NOT:

1. A blind leap.

2. A blank check.

3. Foolishness.

Promises in God's Word

1. Some promises are limited to a specific situation. Matt 18:20

20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

2. Some promises are for certain people. Gen 12:2-3

- 2 And I will make you a great nation,
- And I will bless you,
- And make your name great;
- And so you shall be a blessing;
- 3 And I will bless those who bless you,
- And the one who curses you I will curse.
- And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

*3. Some promises are conditional.*Ps 37:4

- 4 Delight yourself in the Lord;
- And He will give you the desires of your heart.

	Assurance	Conviction
Health/Sickness/Healing	James 5:14-16 2 Cor. 12:7-10	

Health/Sickness/Healing

James 5:14-16

- 14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;
- 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the
 - one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.
- 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

2 Cor 12:7-10

- 7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me — to keep me from exalting myself!
- 8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.
- 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.
- 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Money/Job/Material Resources Matt 6:31-33

- 31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'
- 32 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Phil 4:19

19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.