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If faith is so important, and our eternal destiny is determined by faith, why doesn't God just show up and reveal Himself to everyone?



Hebrews 11:1-6 (NIV) Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.



<sup>3</sup> 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.



<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.



<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away."



For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.



<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Genesis 3:6-11 (NIV) <sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.

She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked;



so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" 10 He answered, "I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."



11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"



Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV) As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT) <sup>11</sup> Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

Matthew 12:22-28 (NIV) <sup>22</sup> Then they brought Him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see.

# 23 All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"



24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."



25 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.

26 If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? 27 And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out?

So then, they will be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.



Luke 17:20-21 (NKJV) <sup>20</sup> Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

<sup>21</sup> nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."



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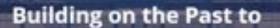












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