



Chapter 10 of the Epistle to the Hebrews closes with the following words:

- *So do not throw away (give up, cast away) your confidence; it will be richly (greatly) rewarded (given its due recompense).*
- *You need to persevere so that when you have **done the will of God**, you will **receive what he has promised**.*
- *... But **my righteous one will live by faith** (trust). (Hebrews 10:35-38)*

What does this text say?

- The writer assumes that the person concerned desires to live according to God's will with heart and soul.
- He is encouraged to persevere, expecting to receive what is promised.
- Those who follow Jesus may boldly expect to receive the 'reward' that is promised.
- For Jesus is completely trustworthy and He keeps His promises.

The text of Hebrews 11:1.

- *Now **faith** is **confidence** in what we **hope for** and **assurance** about what **we do not see**.*

Assurance is the translation of the Greek noun: **hupostasis**.

The OLB states that this word is made up of two words:

- **hupo** – a preposition, to be translated as: through, under.
- **histemis** – a verb, to be translated as: to cause to stand, to set down, to place, (cause to) set up, tie up, establish.

The OLB also translated the word **hupostasis** therefore as:

- putting or placing underneath, the thing that is placed underneath somewhere, substructure, **foundation**.

Interpretation of the text:

The text of Hebrews 11:1 can thus be read as follows:

- ***Trusting** in Jesus is the **foundation** of what one **hopes** and the evidence of what one does not (yet) see.*

The **hope** of obtaining what Jesus has promised is **founded** on the **trust** that **Jesus keeps His promises**.

This trust in Jesus is **part of the evidence** that one will receive what one does not (yet) see.

For:

- *For no matter how many promises God has made, **they are "Yes"** (sure, decidedly so) **in Christ**. And so **through him the "Amen"** (truly, indeed) is spoken by us to the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 1:20)*
- *... **fixing our eyes on Jesus** (Remark: not on the circumstances), the **pioneer** (the author, the maker) and **perfecter of faith** (trust) ... (Hebrews 12:2)*

This is why the previous Bible verse says:

- *... **my righteous one will live by faith** (trust) ... (Hebrews 10:38)*



See also: Matthew 14:31 - Why doubt.¹

¹ Study: Matthew 14:31 - Why doubt.