The Darkness of Unbelief

Heb. 11:1

Introduction:
A. The present so called enlightened age frowns on unreserved faith in the Bible.
   1. Complete infidels – to them the Bible is a collection of myths and fantasies.
   2. Partial infidels – to them the Bible must be explained to fit “rationalism.”
   3. Practical infidels – to them the Bible is true, but is not to be obeyed explicitly.
B. The present so called enlightened age has no real alternative to faith in the Bible.
   1. It leaves us with a ton of questions and mere ounce of answers.
   2. It leaves us in dark concerning “things not seen.”
C. Without faith in the Bible, mysteries of “things not seen” are still mysteries.

Discussion:
I. The Origin of Existence (Heb. 11:3).
   A. Each new generation of philosophers and scientists has new theories and revise old ones.
      1. Evolution is revised constantly – science is still looking for clues.
      2. The Space program, among other things, seeks for clues to the origin of things.
B. Each new generation of Christians has no need to revise the Creation account.
   1. No new discovered fact contradicts the Genesis account.
   2. No new discovered fact has explained the origin of the concept of morality (right and wrong)

   A. The order and balance of the universe maintained by divine power (2 Pet. 3:7)
      1. Scientists can give his explanation, but faith gives the power behind the “explanation.”
      2. Scientists can define the laws of nature, but faith tells of the lawgiver.
   B. The order and balance of the universe must remain a mystery to the unbeliever.
      1. Knows how things work, but nothing of “why?”
      2. Ill. What makes a ball bounce?
C. The order and nature of the Bible must remain a mystery to the unbeliever.

III. The Purpose of Existence (Heb. 11:6, 13-16; 13:14)
   A. “Why are we here?” must remain in doubt without faith (11:6)
      1. A man may assign himself a purpose, but still does not answer reason for existence.
      2. A man may feel a reason to live, but still does not know why he lives apart from faith.
   B. “What is my chief aim in life?” must remain unsure without faith in a better place.
      1. Unbeliever cannot look beyond crumbled dreams of this world.
      2. Unbeliever can only speculate about life here and hereafter.

IV. The Destiny of Existence (Heb. 11:16, 40).
   A. Only faith removes the questions marks from the minds of the dying.
   B. Only faith makes sense of the brevity of life.

Conclusion:
A. Before one abandons faith in the Bible, he needs to consider the alternatives.
B. Before one can have real faith in the Bible, he must know it and desire to obey it.