

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"Believing God"
Hebrews 11:8-22
Study-26

Hebrews 11 – A Person's claim to faith must have a corresponding obedience to be a Genuine Faith!

Hebrews 11 – "Faith" occurs 24X in this chapter.

Hebrews 11:8-19 – Abraham: Taking up the largest portion of Hebrews 11. Abraham's name used **74x in the NT.**

Hebrews 11:20-22 – Covers Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Faith Must Have A Corresponding Obedience Which Pleases God, And God Will Reward Those Who Seek Him."

- 1. Verses 8-19 – Abraham**
- 2. Verse 20 – Isaac**
- 3. Verse 21 – Jacob**
- 4. Verse 22 – Joseph**

1. Verses 8-19 – Abraham:

Hebrews 11:8

"By faith Abraham," – The author has just revealed that faith existed prior to Abraham, with Abel, Enoch, and Noah.

Hebrews 11:7

"Abraham," – is called "Father Of All Who Believe" and "The Friend Of God."

Verses 8-10 – Abraham, Faith And The Promised Land.

Abraham manifested his faith in 3 ways:

- 1. Verse 8 – Abraham's Responsive Faith:** "when he was called, obeyed" – Acts 7:2

Genesis 12:1-4

Faith Willing To Take A Journey And Not Knowing Where! "not knowing where he was going." Hebrews 11:1 – "conviction of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:9

2. Verse 9 – Abraham Lived As An Alien In The Promised Land: "By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise," Hebrews 11:13.

"Strangers" – away from home, Pilgrims – were headed for home.

Believers are also characterized as sojourners, foreigners, or strangers, 1 Peter 2:11.

2 objects characterized Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

- a. **The Tent** – their attitude towards the world. Life was temporal and this world is not my home.
- b. **The Altar** – confession of faith as believers, that they worshiped the one true and living God.

3. Verse 10 – Abraham Looked For The Eternal City: Hebrews 11:10

"for he was looking" – verb stresses "constant looking throughout his lifetime, expected eagerly."

Abraham had his eyes on the heavenly city and lived "in the future tense."

Verses 11-12 – Abraham, Faith And The Promised Son: Hebrews 11:11.

Passage literally says, "Abraham also together with Sarah received power to beget a child when he was past age, since he counted Him faithful who had promised."

Romans 4:19

Hebrews 11:12

Genesis 22:17 – so against human hope, Romans 4:18 "believed in hope."

Verses 13-16 – Abraham's Faith To The End: Hebrews 11:13.

"All these" – term "all" includes the 3 Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

"died in faith," – literally "according to faith."

"but having seen them" – Hebrews 11:1.

"and having welcomed them from a distance," – literally "saluted them", John 8:56.

"confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth." – Genesis 23:4.

Hebrews 11:14 – The patriarchs were seekers of the heavenly country, literally the "fatherland", 2 Peter 3:13.

Hebrews 11:15-16

"desire" – means "to covet, to reach out after, to stretch oneself toward, to aspire to."

"Therefore" – "They desired the heavenly the spiritual over the earthly." – "God is not ashamed to be called their God;" Hebrews 2:11.

Revelation 21:2

Verses 17-19 – Abraham, Faith And The Test: Hebrews 11:17

"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac," – Genesis 22:1-2.

"only begotten" – literally means "one of a kind".

Hebrews 11:18-19

Genesis 22:5

"type" – "figure", literal "parable", Genesis 22:12.

Verses 20-22 – Contains 3 Patriarchs: Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

2. Verse 20 – Isaac:

Hebrews 11:20

"By faith Isaac" – Genesis 27: Isaac believed God's Word passed on to him from Abraham and conferred the blessing on Jacob.

"Isaac blessed Jacob" – Isaac, old and partially blind, blessed the younger son Jacob, thinking that the son was actually Esau – Genesis 27:28-29

Genesis 25:23

"and Esau, even regarding things to come." – Genesis 27:39-40

Through Jacob came Jesus Christ; through Esau came Herod.

3. Verse 21 – Jacob:

Hebrews 11:21

"By faith Jacob," – Genesis 48: In spite of his failures, Jacob had faith in God's Word. "Jacob" (supplanter), changed to "Israel" (governed by God).

"he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph," – Jacob actually blessed all of his sons, Genesis 49, Joseph's 2 sons Ephraim and Manasseh, Genesis 48.

Genesis 48:13-20

"and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff." – Jacob was a pilgrim, for even as he was dying, he leaned on his pilgrim staff.

4. Verse 22 – Joseph:

Hebrews 11:22

"By faith Joseph," – Genesis 50:24; Exodus 13:19; Joshua 24:32.

"when he was dying," – Genesis 50:24

Joseph Knew That Israel Would One Day Be Delivered From Egypt: "made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel," – Genesis 15:13-16.

Joseph Knew That He Belonged In Canaan, Not In Egypt: "and gave orders concerning his bones." Genesis 50:25

Exodus 13:19

Joshua 24:32

Application:

1. Do I Believe What God's Word Says About Jesus? John 1:1-3
2. Do I Believe What God's Word Says About Salvation? John 14:6
3. Do I Believe What God's Word Says About Judgment? Acts 17:31
4. Do I Believe What God's Word Says About Riches? Matthew 6:19-20
5. Do I Believe What God's Word Says About Holiness?
1 Thessalonians 4:3-6
6. Do I Obey God's Word?