

FAITH OF ABRAHAM

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:8-10

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Introduction:

1. Without faith it is impossible to please God -He 11:6
2. We can have faith like that of Abraham.

I. HE LEFT HIS COUNTRY

A. THE LORD HAD CALLED HIM -Ge 12:1-3

1. God told him to leave his land behind
2. God assured him of great blessings upon obedience.

B. THE LORD CALLS US FROM THE WORLD

1. We are called by the gospel -2Th 2:14
2. We must count the cost when it comes to discipleship -Lk 14:25-33
 - a. Love God over our families
 - b. We bear our own cross
 - c. E.g. -Building a tower
 - d. E.g. -King going to war

II. HE DWELT IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

A. HE WAS A STRANGER IN THE LAND

1. God told him to survey the land -Ge 14:14-18
2. God assured him that the land would belong to his descendants
3. He was looking for a heavenly home -Heb. 11:9, 10

B. WE TOO ARE STRANGERS IN THE LAND

1. We are pilgrims just passing through -1Pe 2:11
2. Our body is a tent -2Co 5:1-ff; 2Pe 1:12-15
3. Our citizenship is in heaven -Ph 3:20

III. HE RECEIVED THE SON OF PROMISE

A. GOD PROMISED ISAAC -Ge 18:1-15

1. Sarah was well passed the age for child-bearing
2. Abraham and Sarah believed in God's promise -Heb. 11:11, 12

B. THE VIRGIN BIRTH

1. God put life in a place where one would not think it possible
2. The term virgin
 - a. It can mean "young maiden" also one who has not known a man.
 - b. Matthew makes the meaning of the word very clear -Mt 1:25

IV. HIS FAITH WAS TESTED

A. OFFERING OF HIS SON ISAAC -Ge 22:1-19

1. Abraham obeyed the Lord
2. He received Isaac back to himself; figuratively from the dead -Heb. 11:17-19

B. THE TOMB OF JESUS

1. God again put life where one would not think to find it.
2. Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures - 1Co 15:3, 4
3. Our faith in the resurrection of Jesus is like to that of Abraham -Ro 4:23-25

Conclusion:

1. Abraham was a great man of faith. His faith was displayed throughout his life.
2. Today, we can display that same kind of faith in our Christian walk before the Lord.