

SESSION 25

HEBREWS 11.8-16

Context: Biblical faith is the awareness and conviction of God's existence coupled with the assurance that He will fulfill all of His covenant promises to the believer. The Old Testament believers pleased God with their obedience that rested upon a confident, enduring faith, and their stories will never be forgotten, bringing glory to God in the revelation of His redemption for man wrought through the blood of Christ.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

1. To understand that you as a believer, in your most fundamental spiritual essence, are a citizen of the Kingdom of God, a kingdom that transcends time and culture.
2. To understand that your faith-driven pursuit of the Kingdom of God that is revealed to you, that inspires a godly response from you and that forges an identity for you, creates holiness within you.

V 8 What is modeled by Abraham as he obeyed God's call to leave his home and sojourn in the wilderness to receive what God promised him?

V 9 What was the nature of Abraham's life after he left Haran at age 75?

What is symbolized in these two aspects of Abraham's life?

2 Cor 5.1-5

The real essence of history is the advancing of the Kingdom of God under the direction of His sovereign baton.

V 10 What summary statement is the Author making about Abraham in this verse?

Heb 13.14

Heb 12.22-24

V 11 What aspect of faith is modeled by Sarah?

Gen 17.19

Gen 18.14

V 12 What is the great triumph proclaimed in this verse that reflects upon God's faithfulness to Abraham? Gen 15.5 Gen 17.2 Gen 22.17-18

What application can we draw from this?

Gen 18.14

V 13 In this summary statement, the Author characterizes the faith of the Old Testament believers focused upon in the previous verses.

What does "dying in faith" really mean?

In this verse, what specific aspects of the faith of these individuals are illuminated?

V 14 - 16 In these verses the Author continues to draw conclusions from the faith of these believers.

Given the revelation of the Promise- the response to the Promise - the identification with the Promise reflected in the lives of these believers, what is the impact of their faith upon the narrative of human history?

What is "made clear" by these individuals?

What is God's response to such faith?

Based on all of the above, what overarching character trait of the Living God are these individuals demonstrating?

Lev 11.44-45

1Pet . 13-16

What reflection and inspiration come to you from the Spirit of God speaking to you through the accounts of the faith of these believers?