

SESSION 26

HEBREWS 11.17-28

Context: The two components of faith, the conviction of the existence of our absolute sovereign God and the assurance that He will fulfill all His promises to the believer, are powerfully manifested in the lives of the Old Testament saints. These have had the promise of the Kingdom of God revealed to them, have greeted that revelation with enduring hope and quiet joy, and thereby have defined themselves as citizens of The Kingdom over and against all other nationalistic, cultural, or creedal identification. These are the holy ones of God's choosing and He is pleased to identify Himself with them.

Revelation---Confidence---Endurance--- Glory --- = Faith
Revelation---Response---Identification---Holiness

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

Faith is manifested in an infinite multitude of ways that crosscut all of history and culture. A willing, expectant, obedient heart is the premier outworking of an authentic faith that embraces without question God's existence and promises.

V 17-19 What is remarkable about Abraham's faith in obeying God's command to offer up his son Isaac upon the altar of sacrifice?

Gen 17.19

Gen 22.1-5

Is it fair that God tests the faith of a believer?

What do you think the point of such testing is?

1 Pet 1.6-7

1 Cor 10.13

Heb 12.10

Rom 4. 13-22

What were Paul's main conclusions as he reflected on the life of Abraham?

What applications do you see in your navigating the issues you are currently facing?

Abraham's faith triumphed because he refused to see inconsistency or faithlessness in God. He believed God could and must resolve the problem of the sacrificing of Isaac. Abraham's faith triumphed in a fresh way over death by the hope of the resurrection. Such faith turned a way of darkness into a pathway of hope...Abraham learned the kind of working to expect from God, His way of solving life's darkest problems. AB Stibbs

V 20 How do you see faith operating in Isaac's giving his blessing to Jacob in preference to his oldest son Esau?

Gen 27.28-29 Gen 27.33

V 21 What can be said of Jacob's faith when, in blessing Joseph's sons, he gave his blessing to Ephraim the younger instead of to Manasseh the older? Gen 48.19

V 22 How was faith manifested in Jacob's request (Gen 49.29) and Joseph's request (Gen 50.25) to be buried not in Egypt but in the land of Canaan?

V 23 How is faith evidenced by the mother of Moses as recounted in Ex 2.1-2?

V 24 - 25 In considering Moses' identifying with the Israelites, does faith factor in to his killing of the Egyptian as recounted in Ex 2.11-12?

Ex 3.6

V 26 What important spiritual correlation does the Author draw from Moses' choice?

Heb 13.13

What applications do you see in your own life?

Rom 8.14-16

1 Pet 4.12-14

V 27-28 What again is faith's most telling manifestation as reflected by Moses?

Ex 6.2-8

Ex 12.21-28