



TITLE:

By Faith Abraham (Part 2)

TEXT:

Hebrews 11:8-19

INTRODUCTION

- The LORD made a covenant with Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3). This covenant is a three-fold promise:
 - The Land Promise (“Unto thy seed will I give this land”),
 - The Seed Promise (“And I will make of thee a great nation”),
 - The Blessing Promise (“I will bless thee ... and thou shalt be a blessing”).
- By faith, Abraham, when the LORD called him, obeyed by faith (v.8).
- By faith, he sojourned (to dwell near; to be a stranger) in Canaan as if he were a stranger and sojourner (v.9-10).
 - Isaac and Jacob were heirs with Abraham of the same promise (cf. Gen. 26:2-6, 24; 28:1-4, 13-15).
- By faith in the word of God (The Abrahamic Covenant), Abraham obeyed and sojourned in the land.

BY FAITH SARAH RECEIVED STRENGTH TO CONCEIVE SEED

- Background:
 - Sarah was 65 y/o when they received the Seed Promise (Gen. 12:1-3).
 - When she was 75 y/o, she said that the LORD had restrained her from bearing and urged Abraham to take Hagar so that she may obtain a child from her (Gen. 16:1-3).
 - The LORD renewed the covenant when Sarah was 90 y/o (Gen. 17:15-19).
 - The LORD promised Sarah a son when she had passed the age of childbearing (Gen. 18:11-15).
- Sarah judged (to consider, to account) the LORD faithful who had promised (11:11).
 - See Gen. 18:11-15.
 - At one point Sarah laughed at God’s promise and then lied about it.
 - It was not a pleasing laughter of faith, but it was a laughter of doubting and mistrust.
 - Her doubt is driven by her situation:
 - She waxed old.
 - She passed childbearing in the course of nature
 - She was barren.
 - Her husband is old too.
 - God reproved her unbelief and said, “Is any thing too hard for the LORD?”.
 - She responded in faith, took God at His word, and believed that nothing is too hard for the LORD.
 - Sarah conceived and bare Isaac (Gen. 21:2).
- As a result, the seed promise was fulfilled (11:12).
 - Innumerable people (Jewish people) sprang from one man.
 - Humanly speaking, there was no more probability, that Abraham would have a son at that period of life, than that the dead would have.
- Challenge:
 - God rebukes the unbelief of His people.
 - Will God really provide my needs if I seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness first?
 - Is it really God’s will to start a church in a certain place even though no one ever responds?
 - Am I going to receive what I am praying for if I continually ask, seek, and knock?
 - Is any thing too hard for the LORD?

BY FAITH ABRAHAM OFFERED UP ISAAC

- Abraham's faith in the seed promise was tried (11:17-19).
- See Gen. 22:1-19.
 - The LORD tried Abraham (22:1-2).
 - He obeyed the LORD (22:3).
 - He said to his young men: Isaac and I will come again to you (22:5).
 - He said to his son: My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering (22:8).
 - He was about to slay his son (22:9-10).
- Abraham offered up his only begotten son by faith.
 - He believed the word of God that in Isaac shall his seed be called (Gen. 21:12).
 - He accounts that God was able to raise Isaac up even from the dead.
- Abraham's faith caused him to obey God.
 - He waited for 25 years for the promised son.
- Challenge:
 - Are you going to obey God when your faith is tested?
 - Young people to separate from the world.
 - Missionary to start a mission work in a foreign land.
 - Church members to faithfully attend the church meetings.

ABRAHAM RECEIVED ISAAC FROM THE DEAD "IN A FIGURE"

- He received him by his being raised up from the altar as if from the dead.
- It was a type of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father.
 - It was a type of the Father offering the Son to be the Savior of the world.
 - It was a type of the Son surrendering to the Father's will and accepting the role of sacrificial lamb.
 - As Abraham and Isaac trekked alone up Mt. Moriah, God the Father and God the Son went alone to Calvary and accomplished the terrible offering required for man's salvation.
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.