

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS
11:20-29

Introduction: (Review) Noah's faith appeared in an act of _____, Enoch's in a life of fellowship with God, Abel's in his more excellent _____. Abraham's faith manifested itself in all these ways. When he was called, he obeyed >Vs 8-10; when a sojourner, he desired a better country, that is, a heavenly, and God was not ashamed to be called his God >Vs 13-16; being tried, he offered up Isaac >Vs 17-19.

In our last study of Hebrews we looked at Abraham and Sarah. The faith of Abraham and Sarah _____ their son, Isaac. Let's take a look and see what we can learn about the impact of one believer's faith on that of another. What we have in Hebrews 11 is one believer handing the _____ of faith on to another believer, and each time seeing that light of faith grow _____ and stronger in the life of that believer.

THE author of Hebrews has told his readers that they have need of _____; but when he connects this endurance with faith, he describes faith, not as an enduring of present evils, but as an _____ of things hoped for in the future. His meaning undoubtedly is that assurance of the future gives _____ to endure the present. In some measure these witnesses of God suffered; but the more prominent feature of their faith was expectation of a future _____.

Like his parents, Isaac's Biblical record is not without its _____, but God still used him in spite of his faults and failures. We can learn much from these about how God wishes to use _____ for His glory.

I. Isaac-Son of Abraham and Sarah

- A. *Vs 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.*
- B. Faith-absolute and motivating _____ in the ability and power of God _____ to fulfill His promises as found in the Scripture
- C. *By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. Gen 27:26-40. "The meaning is, that he pronounced a blessing on them in respect to their future condition. This was by faith in God, who had communicated it to him, and in full confidence that he would accomplish all that was here predicted. The act of faith here was simply that which believes that all that God says is true. There were no human probabilities at the time when these prophetic announcements were made, which could have been the basis of his calculation; but all that he said must have rested merely on the belief that God had revealed it to him. A blessing was pronounced on each, of a very different nature, but Isaac had no doubt that both would be fulfilled." Albert Barnes*

II. Jacob-Son of Isaac and Rebekah Cf. Gen 48:1-20

Vs 21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

III. Joseph-Son of Jacob and Rachal

- A. *22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.*
- B. *Ge 50:24-25 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here."*
- C. *Ex 13:19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here."*

- D. *Jos 24:32 As for the bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought up from Egypt, they buried them at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money. It became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph.*

IV. Moses-Son of Aram and Jochebed (300+ years after Joseph) Vs 23-29

- A. He marks a _____
1. In him the _____ qualities of faith appear to strive for the pre-eminence.
 2. He _____ to be evil entreated with the people of God, because he knows that the enjoyment of sin is _____-lived;
 3. he suffers the _____ of Christ, and looks away from it to the recompense of reward.
 4. After him conflict and _____ are more prominent in the history of believers than assurance of the future.
- B. Vs 23
1. NIV 23 By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.
 2. NLT 23 It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command.
- C. Vs 24-29
1. NIV 24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to be ill-treated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. 29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.
 2. NLT 24 It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. 27 It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. 28 It was by faith that Moses commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons. 29 It was by faith that the people of Israel went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned.

Concl: Romans 12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ESV