

Hebrews Chapter 11: Abraham and Sarah

Sunday, August 22 / Wednesday, August 25

References: Hebrews 11: 8 – 19; Genesis 11 – 25; Romans 4: 13 – 25; Matthew 19: 26

- How is Abraham's decision to leave home described in Hebrews 11: 8, and how did that reflect his faith? (see also Genesis 12: 1 – 9)
- From Hebrews 11: 9 – 10, why was Abraham considered to be a foreigner in the land of promise, and what was the basis of his faith?
- In Hebrews 11: 11 – 12, how is Sarah's faith described, and what was the result? (see also Genesis 18: 1 – 15 and Genesis 21: 1 – 7)
- In Genesis 18: 10 – 15, how does Sarah respond when God says that He will bless them with a son, and what did that indicate about her faith at that point?
- In general, how are Abraham and Sarah examples of lives lived by faith?
- In Hebrews 11: 13 – 16, describe how the writer summarizes the impact of faith, and what we can apply from this message.
- Which of the promises made to Abraham did he see fulfilled before he died? (see Genesis 12: 1 – 3)
- From Hebrews 11: 17 – 19, what insight does this passage give concerning the reasoning behind Abraham's decision to obey by sacrificing Isaac? (see also Genesis 22: 1 – 19)
- In Genesis Chapter 22, what are some possible reasons why God tested Abraham at this point of his life and in this way (by directing him to sacrifice Isaac)?
- According to Hebrews 11: 19, what expectation did Abraham have regarding the outcome of his sacrifice? How does this relate to his comment in Genesis 22: 5?
- What other events from Abraham's life reflect on his faith, and how can we apply those lessons?