

Sunday AM, February 23, 2025
Abraham: The Man of Faith – Hebrews 11:8-19

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⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. ¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

- I. The Man of Faith
 - A. Abraham is more than the father of the Jewish people; he is the father of everyone who lives by faith in God.
 - B. Abraham pleased God not because of any good works that he did, but because he believed God.
- II. Two Great Evidences of Faith
 - A. The first evidence of faith is an obsession with heaven and a willingness to hold loosely to the things of this earth.
 - B. The second evidence of faith is a willingness to believe God for the impossible.
- III. The Descendants of Abraham
 - A. There is a very strong connection between faith and heaven.
 - B. There is a very strong connection between faith and those things which seem humanly impossible.