



The Faith of Abraham — The Worthy Example of Faith, Part 3

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Hebrews 11:8-19

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What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)

A Better Priesthood: Jesus (7-10)

A Better Principle: Faith (11-13)

The Examples of Faith (11)

The Features of Faith — Faith Described vs. 1-3

The Family of Faith — Faith Displayed vs. 4-40

Abel: The **WORSHIP** of faith. v. 4 — A picture of what it looks like when you first come to **SAVING** faith in Jesus Christ. "*Abel offered to God a better sacrifice ...*"

Enoch: The **WALK** of faith. vs. 5-6 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly are **SEEKING** God by faith. "*Enoch walked with God ...*" (cf. Genesis 5:22,24)

Noah: The **WORK** of faith. v. 7 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly **SERVE** God by faith. "*Noah prepared an ark ...*" (cf. Genesis 6:8-22)

Abraham: The **WORTHY** example of faith. vs. 8-19 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly **SURRENDER** to God by faith.

I. ABRAHAM'S PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH v. 8

II. ABRAHAM'S PATIENCE OF FAITH vs. 9-10

III. ABRAHAM'S POWER OF FAITH vs. 11-12

IV. ABRAHAM'S PERSUASION OF FAITH vs. 13-16

What we are going to learn today in our study ...

V. ABRAHAM'S PROOF OF FAITH vs. 17-19

The Process — How Faith Develops

You begin your **PILGRIMAGE**. (v.8)

You continue to live **PATIENTLY** waiting for the promise of the eternal state. (vs. 9-10)

As you wait, your confidence begins to proclaim God's **POWER** to do anything. (vs. 11-12)

And you become more **PERSUADED** of God's promises. (vs. 13-16)

And God uses the tests in your life to **PROVE** the reality of your faith. (vs. 17-19)

The Picture

The Offering vs. 17-18 *"By faith Abraham offered up Isaac ... his only begotten son."*

It places Abraham in a **PERPLEXITY** unlike anyone else in Hebrews 11 — Cf. Genesis 17:15-21 with Genesis 22:2

It places Abraham in a **PAINFUL** situation.

- 1) It is the loss of his own **CHILD**. "...your only son, whom you love..." (Genesis 22:2)
- 2) It is the loss of his **UNIQUE** son. "... only begotten son." (Hebrews 11:17)
- 3) It is the death of his own son by his own **HANDS**. "Abraham offered up Isaac" (Hebrews 11:17; cf. Genesis 9:6)

The Obvious v. 19 *"He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type." (Cf. Genesis 22:5 "I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.")*

The Application — Faith is sometimes called to not **WITHHOLD** your dearest from God.

Today's Growth Point — How does this passage apply to you and your GCG?