

## **Heb 11:8-19**

### Abraham: The Father of Faith

- I. Introduction:** The author of Hebrews commended Abraham because he was the great father of the Jewish nation who God had saved by His grace through faith.
- II. Abraham: The Father of Faith (Heb 11:8-19).**
- A. His Pilgrimage of Faith (vv. 8-10).
1. God called Abraham out of idolatry in Ur, and he traveled thousands of miles to inherit a land God promised him, though he didn't know where God was leading.
- B. His Progeny of Faith (vv. 11-12).
1. Abraham believed that God had the power to give him and Sarah a child even though they were well past the years for bearing children.
- C. His Persistence of Faith (vv. 13-16).
1. Abraham believed God's promise even though he never saw it accomplished, but he died still clinging to God's assurance that He would give him a new homeland.
- D. His Proof of Faith (vv. 17-19).
1. Abraham passed the biggest test of faith by his willingness to sacrifice Isaac to God, giving back to Him everything that the Lord had blessed him with in life.
- III. Conclusion:** The author encouraged his Jewish audience to live by faith, like Abraham, who was declared righteous because He believed in God's promises.

## **Study Questions: Abraham – The Father of Faith**

1. Why does the author of Hebrews emphasize Abraham's faith? How is Abraham the father of faith? (**Gal 3:7; Rom 4:9-12**) What instances in Abraham's life reveal his faith in God?
2. How did God call Abraham from Ur to Canaan? (**Gen 11:31-12:5**) What did Stephen say about Abraham's journey? (**Acts 7:1-8**) How did Abraham live like an alien? (**Heb 11:8-10**)
3. What was it about Abraham's relocation that is remarkable? (**Heb 11:8-10**) Why did he leave his home without knowing where he was going? (**v. 8**) For what was he looking? (**v. 10**)
4. How did Sarah exemplify faith in Isaac's birth? (**Heb 11:11-12**) What was Sarah's attitude toward Abraham? (**1 Peter 3:6**) How did she perceive God's promise? (**Gen 18:9-14**)
5. How did the Patriarchs receive the promises of God? (**Heb 11:13-16**) What did they confess about themselves? (**v. 13**) What were they seeking that only God could provide? (**v. 14**)
6. What was the better country the patriarchs desired? (**Heb 11:13-16**) How will God give us a better homeland? (**Rev 21:1-22:5**) Why is He not ashamed to be our God? (**v. 16; 2:11**)
7. How was Abraham's faith tested? (**Heb 11:17-19**) How could Isaac have potentially become an idol for Abraham? How can something good become something we obsess about?
8. Why was Abraham confident enough in God to sacrifice Isaac? (**Heb 11:17-19**) What did he believe about God's power? (**v. 19**) How was this a picture of Jesus' resurrection? (**v. 19**)

### **Prayer**

1. Ask God to help you live as a pilgrim in this world, holding loosely to the things of this life.
2. Pray that God would free you from any idols you might be holding onto in your heart.