

God Is Able

Hebrews 11:8-16

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Romans 8:10 *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (V.11) But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

“God is able to place stars in their sockets and suspend sky like a curtain; surely He is mighty enough to light your path.”

- **Max Lucado**

I. God is able to provide a great provision.

- A. Realizing who was calling, Abraham responded with reckless abandonment.

Hebrews 11:8 *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance,*

“Have you ever made a significant sacrifice for God – dedicating the most valuable thing you possess to Him? If God asks us to give, it’s not because He wants what we have. It’s because He wants us to experience the loyalty that comes from unrestricted love for Him.

- **David Jeremiah**

The Call: **Genesis 12:1-4** *Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*

Genesis 12:4 *So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him:...*

- B. Realizing who was calling, Abraham responded with blind obedience.

Hebrews 11:8 *... obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.*

Obedience: **Genesis 12:5** *Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.*

II. God is able to protect His promise.

“Faith is not so much receiving from God what we want but accepting from God what He gives.”

- **Adrian Rogers**

- A. He is able to protect the place of promise.

Hebrews 11:9 *By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country,*

Genesis 19:27 *And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord: (Can you imagine in those quiet times with God how Abraham would hear God say, "One day your children will have all of this"?)*

Genesis 18:17 *And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; (V.18) Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?*

- B. He is able to protect the posterity of the promise.

Hebrews 11:9 . . . *dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:*

Hebrews 11:10 *For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

III. God is able to perform His purpose.

- A. He resolved to trust the faithfulness of God's promise.

Hebrews 11:13 *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

- B. He resolved to trust the fulfillment of God's providence.

Sacrifice: Genesis 22:2 *And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.*

Provision: Genesis 22:12 *And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.*

New Testament Commentary: Hebrews 11:17 *By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, (V.18) Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: (V.19) Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.*

The Argument from the Greatest to the Least: Romans 8:32 *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*