

Of Whom the World Was Not Worthy

Hebrews 11:17-40

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Summary/Intro:

1. Faith proves genuine by testing.

By 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...
(v. 17)

Genesis 22:10-14

Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

2. Faith considers God's Word & His Power.

He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.
(v. 19)

Matthew 22:29

But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God."

3. Faith seeks God's blessings. *

By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. (v. 20)

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. (Hebrews 11:24-25, ESV)

*blessings – expressions of God's love and care that increase faith and draw us into a deeper relationship with Him as we anticipate His coming kingdom.

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

C. S. Lewis

4. Faith acts on what it believes.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. (v. 29)

5. Faith accepts God's plans and purposes.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. (vv. 39-40)

Prayer Emphases for 2026:

- Pray that we can memorize and be transformed by Scripture.
- Pray for meaningful relationships that encourage godliness.
- Pray for staff, teachers, deacons, and future elders.
- Pray for a faithful perseverance & an eternal perspective that results in praise and honor and glory to God.