

THE FAITH OF THE PATRIARCHS
(Hebrews 11:8-22)

I. The Superiority of Jesus Christ (1:1-10:18)

II. The Application of Christ to the Christian Life (10:19-13:25)

D. The Application of the Faith Principle By O.T. Saints (chp 11)

1. Men of faith before the time of the Patriarchs (11:3-7)

2. The faith of the _____ (11:8-22)... specifically... _____ (11:8-10)

a. Abraham, by faith, _____ God when _____ to go to a place he would afterward receive as an _____! (11:8)

• Israel as a nation was designed to accomplish 3 things:

a. Israel was to be a _____ in the world to the _____.

b. Israel would receive and preserve God's _____ for future generations.

c. Israel would bring forth the _____, who would be _____, the _____ of the world.

• Who was Abraham? ...

• His *Prominence*:

- He is the father of the nation of _____.

- His name means ... "father of a _____" including other _____. (12:2)

- He is the "spiritual father" all those who _____ (Romans 4:11)

- He is _____ in scripture as his name is mentioned _____ times in both the Old & New Testaments as either Abram or Abraham.

- He is the respected _____ of 3 great religions of the world: _____, _____, & _____.

• His *Heritage*:

- He was a ninth generation descendent of Noah's son _____!

- He was a _____ by birth. (no Jews until Abraham)

- His family was into _____ before his call from God (Joshua 24:2)

- He was called by God, out of _____ of the _____ (modern day Iraq), to go to a land that God would show him (Canaan).

- He was a great man of _____ and was called the "_____ of God" by the Apostle James (James 2:23)

- The call of Abraham is the _____ in the book of Genesis. Here God moves from dealing with _____ men, to dealing with just one _____ ... the nation of Israel!
- How did God call him? (Acts 7:2-5)
- We need to realize that there were probably ____ sources of truth in the world at this time:

- God said, “Come _____ & be _____ unto Me & you will be a _____!”
- Is this what God wants of us today?

1) This call required _____ & _____, resulting in a divine _____ & _____ for him.

2) God called him to be a _____ to the world! To make a _____ for God in the world.

- How are we to accomplish this?

3) Abraham answered God’s call by faith, _____ where he was going!

b. Abraham came and _____ in the land of promise living in _____ with his heirs (11:9)

- This idea stresses a _____ dwelling in contrast to a _____ one!

c. By faith, as he dwelt, he patiently _____ or _____, always looking for the _____ which would one day be his final _____ (11:10)

* Where would that be?

* What would God have us to do?