

THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM AND SARAH
(Hebrews 11:8-16)

- I. The PILGRIMAGE of Faith (Heb. 11:8)
 - A. God CALLED Abraham to LEAVE his HOMELAND
 - 1. He was a CITIZEN of Ur in Chaldea
 - 2. He would RECEIVE an INHERITANCE elsewhere
 - B. He LEFT Ur “WHEN he was CALLED”
 - 1. He did not HESITATE
 - 2. He had no DESTINATION in VIEW

- II. The PATIENCE of Faith (Heb. 11:9-10)
 - A. He NEVER POSSESSED the “land of promise”
 - 1. He spent his LIFE as a RESIDENT ALIEN
 - 2. His “PERMANENT dwelling” was always a TENT
 - B. This persisted for THREE GENERATIONS: His son and grandson were “HEIRS of the SAME promise”
 - C. He lived in ANTICIPATION of “THE CITY which has THE FOUNDATIONS”
 - 1. Its every DETAIL was DESIGNED by God

2. Its every ASPECT was CONSTRUCTED by God

III. The POWER of Faith (Heb. 11:11-12)

- A. By his faith and SARAH'S, they "RECEIVED ability" to produce a SON
 1. They were beyond the AGE of REPRODUCTION
 2. They believed God was FAITHFUL to His PROMISE
- B. Even after it was TOO LATE, they produced a MULTITUDE (Gen. 15:4-5; 22:17)

IV. The PERSEVERANCE of Faith (Heb. 11:13-16)

- A. They had seen the INITIAL promise FULFILLED (6:15)
- B. But the PATRIARCHS all "DIED in FAITH"
 1. They did not EXPERIENCE the FULFILLMENT of the promises
 2. They NEVER STOPPED BELIEVING they would be fulfilled
- C. They lived CONTENT as "STRANGERS and EXILES" on earth
 1. They never considered RETURNING to Mesopotamia
 2. They constantly looked FORWARD to a "BETTER country"
 3. They anticipated the HEAVENLY home God had ALREADY prepared