

THE FAITH OF THE PATRIARCHS: UNDAUNTED BY DEATH  
(Hebrews 11:17-22)

- I. Demonstrated by ABRAHAM (Heb. 11:17-19)
  - A. God TESTED Abraham's FAITH (Gen. 22:1)
    - 1. God had GIVEN him the PROMISES (Gen. 17:1-8)
      - a. His progeny would MULTIPLY to become a GREAT NATION
      - b. He would be given the LAND as an INHERITANCE
      - c. ISAAC would be the ONLY son through whom the promises would be FULFILLED (Gen. 21:12)
    - 2. God said he must present ISAAC as an OFFERING (Gen. 22:2)
  - B. He OBEYED when he "OFFERED UP Isaac" (Gen. 22:5)
    - 1. His CONFIDENCE in God was ABSOLUTE
    - 2. He CONCLUDED God would RESURRECT Isaac
  - C. His faith was VINDICATED when he "RECEIVED him BACK"
    - 1. It may have been "FIGURATIVELY" since he didn't DIE
    - 2. It may have been "as a TYPE," foreshadowing CHRIST
- II. Demonstrated by ISAAC (Heb. 11:20)
  - A. God CONFIRMED the PROMISES to Isaac (Gen. 26:3-4)

- B. Isaac BELIEVED the promises would be FULFILLED
    - 1. He tried to MANIPULATE their fulfillment in ESAU'S favor (Gen. 27:1-4)
    - 2. He was THWARTED by INTERVENTION (Gen. 27:5-29)
    - 3. He CONCEDED they would be fulfilled in JACOB (Gen. 27:26-33)
  - C. Before he DIED, he expressed his FAITH in the FUTURE
    - 1. Jacob would be GIVEN "the BLESSING of Abraham" (Gen. 28:1-4)
    - 2. Esau's FUTURE would be CONTENTIOUS (Gen. 27:39-40)
- III. Demonstrated by JACOB (Heb. 11:21)
- A. God CONFIRMED the PROMISES to Jacob (Gen. 28:13-15)
  - B. Jacob BELIEVED the promises would be FULFILLED
    - 1. He spent TWENTY YEARS in Mesopotamia and never considered STAYING
    - 2. He brought his FAMILY back to the LAND of PROMISE
  - C. Before he DIED, he expressed his FAITH in the FUTURE
    - 1. He made Joseph PROMISE to BURY him in Canaan (Gen. 47:28-31)
    - 2. He WORSHIPED while pronouncing BLESSING on the sons of JOSEPH (48:1-22)
- IV. Demonstrated by JOSEPH (Heb. 11:22)
- A. Joseph BELIEVED in a future EXODUS (Gen. 50:24; cf. 48:21)
  - B. Before he DIED, he left instructions to take his BONES with them when they LEFT (Gen. 50:25)