

PRAYER WARRIORS



“Prayer Warriors Have the Hopefulness of Abraham”

Text: **Genesis 18:16-13, Hebrews 11:9-19**

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Introduction: Abraham and Sarah are known for at least three things: walking all over the Middle East, having great faith to wait on God for years for a child, and allowing their good works to be seen by others (**Genesis 12-21**). God answered their prayers, but they had to be warriors for God! What kind of a faith did they have in God? How does that affect their children, grandchildren, and generations to come? Faith is described in **Hebrews 11:1**! The faith of Abraham and Sarah has been described in the same chapter. We need that kind of faith! Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. FAITH WALKS: The Physical Journey of Abraham

A. Abraham Left His Home (**Genesis 12:1-5**)

B. Abraham Travelled to Many Different Locations

1. Ur of the Chaldees (**Genesis 11:31, Acts 7:2-4**)
2. Haran in Mesopotamia (**Genesis 12:1-4, Acts 7:4**)
3. Damascus (**Genesis 15:2**)
4. Shechem/Sichem (**Genesis 12:6-7, Joshua 24:1, Judges 9:6, I Kings 12:1**)
5. Bethel (**Genesis 12:8**)
6. Egypt (**Genesis 12:9-20**)
7. Bethel (**Genesis 13:1-9**)
8. Hebron (**Genesis 13:10-18, Numbers 13:22**)
9. Dan (**Genesis 14:1-14**)
10. Hobah (**Genesis 14:15-16**)
11. Salem (**Genesis 14:17-21, Hebrews 7:3**)
12. Hebron (**Genesis 15:1-21, 16:1-16, 17:1-27, 18:1-19:38**)
13. Gerar (**Genesis 20:1-18**)
14. Beersheba (**Genesis 21:1-34**)
15. Moriah (**Genesis 22:1-18**)
16. Beersheba (**Genesis 22:19-24**)
17. Hebron (**Genesis 23:1-20**)

C. Abraham Never Saw The Entire Blessing (**Hebrews 11:13-19, 39-40**)

II. FAITH WAITS: The Spiritual Journey of Abraham

A. The Plea of God (Hebrews 11:8**)**

Galatians 3:17, Exodus 12:40-41, Genesis 15:14, 12:1-4, 21:5, 25:7

What do these verses tell us? How can we apply them?

What can we learn about the call of God to Abram?

B. The Promise of God (Hebrews 11:9-10**)**

Galatians 4:28, Hebrews 12:22, 13:14, Revelation 20-21, Acts 7:5

What do these verses tell us? How can we apply them?

What can we learn about the promise God made to Abram?

C. The Power of God (Hebrews 11:11-12**)**

Genesis 17-18, 23:3-20, 25:7-11, Luke 1:37

What do these verses tell us? How can we apply them?

Why do people doubt God when he has clearly displayed His power?

D. The Pleasure of God (Hebrews 11:13-15**)**

Genesis 12:7, 13:15-16, 15:3-5, 15:18-21, 17:2-4, 22:16, 17:8, 22:18

What do these verses tell us? How can we apply them?

What does God expect from His people? Why?

E. The Protection of God (Hebrews 11:17-19**)**

Genesis 17:1, 17:21, 18:14-19, 21:9-14, 22:1-14, James 2:21-23

What do these verses tell us? How can we apply them?

What does God do for His people when they place their faith in Him?

III. FAITH WORKS: The Visible Journey of Abraham

A. The Works of a Believer for God (James 2:14-17, John 8:48-59**)**

What do these verses tell us? How can we apply them?

Why should we do good works? Does God need them? Do we need them?

B. The Fellowship of a Believer With God (James 2:18-23, Genesis 15:6**)**

What do these verses tell us? How can we apply them?

What are the benefits of this unique fellowship? How is this like the Garden scene?

C. The Spiritual Fruit of a Believer (James 2:24-26, Galatians 5:22-23**)**

What do these verses tell us? How can we apply them?

How can we bear fruit? Is it possible to do this without the Holy Spirit?

Conclusion: Abraham and Moses are the only men that are mentioned in this great Hall of Fame of Faith more than once. Abraham and Sarah are people that demand our attention. We have the opportunity to learn from their legacy of faith that they left with Isaac and then with Jacob and eventually with Joseph. Have you heard the call of God? Do you believe in the promises of God? Do you trust in the power of God? Are you moving forward in faith?