



# The Faith of Abraham & Sarah



Sermon by Ray Reynolds (2-7-10 - AM)

Text: Hebrews 11:8-19

Introduction: The more we read the Bible we have to wonder how anyone could say it is dull. In fact, I am fascinated by the way the New Testament seems to show things inside out and backward to make a point. Why? The simple answer is that is the way God meant for it to be. He turned things upside-down and inside-out to teach us to trust Him more! This accurately describes the life and faith of Abraham and Sarah. The Hebrew writer describes their life of faith in three separate sections. Let's study them together . . . .

## Discussion:

### I. The Plea of God (v.8)

Four facts: (1) Abraham received a call from God; (2) Abraham was required to leave Ur of Chaldea to go to a strange land; (3) Abraham was promised he would prosper; and (4) Abraham obeyed God without knowing how, what, why, or where.

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

### II. The Promise of God (vs.9-10)

Abraham and Sarah were waiting for their REAL home that God was building.

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

### III. The Power of God (vs.11-12)

Nothing is impossible with God!

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

### IV. The Pleasure of God (vs.13-16)

God reminded Abraham and Sarah that he would bless them with (1) numerous offspring (Genesis 13:16; 15:3-5; 17:2-4; 22:16); (2) their seed would also be blessed (Genesis 17:1-8); (3) their seed would have an everlasting inheritance (Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 15:18-21; 17:8); and (4) that through them and their seed, all the nations of the earth should be blessed (Genesis 12:3; 22:18).

### V. The Protection of God (vs.17-19)

God extended that promise to Isaac and then to Jacob,

Genesis 22:1-14, Genesis 21:9-14, James 2:21-23, Genesis 17:1, 18:14, Genesis 18:17-19, Genesis 21:12, Genesis 17:21, Genesis 22:8

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? Have you enjoyed the pleasure of God? Are you resting assured of the protection of God? Learn from Abraham and Sarah and give God your whole heart! Live by faith!!!

WORD OF THE DAY = "FAITH"