

ABRAHAM — FEATURES OF FAITH (HE.11:8-19)

1 PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Separation from the world

V.8

“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.” (He.11:8)

2 PATIENCE OF FAITH

Waiting for God’s timing, focused on heaven

V.9-10

“⁹By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” (He.11:9-10)

3 POWER OF FAITH

Doing the impossible

V.11-12

“¹¹By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.” (He.11:11-12)

4 POSITIVISM OF FAITH

Focusing on God’s guaranteed eternal promises

V.13-16

“¹³These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.” (He.11:13-16)

5 PROOF OF FAITH

Obedient, self-sacrifice

V.17-19

“¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “IN ISAAC YOUR SEED SHALL BE CALLED,” ¹⁹concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense” (He.11:17-19)