

HEB 11: 8-18

(ALCOHOL START)

— THE PATRIARCHAL AGE —

ABRAHAM, THE "FOUNDER" AND "GREATEST STAR"  
OF THE HEBREW PEOPLE —

ROM 4: 11 = THE FATHER OF ALL THEM THAT  
BELIEVE (FAITH, BEFORE HIS CIRCUMCISION)

THE WORLD HAD BEEN "JUDGED" BY THE FLOOD — —

THEN

— LEAD BY NIMROD — SET OUT TO BUILD THE "TOWER  
OF BABEL" — — —

— IDOLATRY + DEPRAVITY OF MAN

— SET IN AGAIN —

"ABRAHAM"

"A PILGRIM CHARACTER" — REPRESENTS  
SEPARATION — (IN THE WORLD — BUT — NOT OF  
THE WORLD) —

"SO"

WE HAVE A "PRECIOUS ELEMENT" OF THE  
BELIEVERS LIFE — "A PILGRIM" — OUT OF HIS  
COUNTRY, LAND, CITY + HIS FATHER'S HOUSE,  
"HIS RELATIVES" — (ALL "BY SIMPLE FAITH")

— THE WRITER, (AUTHOR), DISCUSSES ABRAHAM  
AT LENGTH — "ADDRESS IN DETAIL" — HOW

FAITH IS — BOUND TO:

(GOD'S PROMISES) & (GOD'S PURPOSES)

1] AN IMPRESSIVE CALL - (8a)

"BY FAITH," ABRAHAM, "WHEN HE WAS CALLED"

(A) AN IMMEDIATE CALL, OF FAITH -  
"THE LORD" SAID "TO ABRAHAM" - "GO" -

ONE MOMENT - A PAGAN MOON WORSHIPPER  
A CITIZEN & ~~MEMBER~~ AMONG "UR" -

"THEN"

HE WAS A "BELIEVER" & "HEARER" OF  
GOD - HIS "BACK" TOWARD HIS OLD  
LIFE - & HIS "FACE" TOWARD THE  
PROMISE LAND -

A TENT DWELLING PILGRIM -  
LIVING ON DIVINE PROMISES -

"NOT LOOKING BACK"

(AS - "SOME BELIEVING HEBREWS WERE")

(B) AN IMPRESSIVE <sup>CALL</sup> STEP, OF FAITH - (8b)  
"HE WENT OUT", "NOT KNOWING WHITHER"  
"HE WENT" -

NO MAP TO GO BY - JUST SIMPLY FAITH  
IN "GOD'S CALL" -

- TAKE THE FIRST STEP - THEN - THE NEXT  
WILL BE REVEALED - THE WHOLE JOURNEY  
STEP BY STEP - <sup>WAS</sup> - NEVER THE WHOLE PICTURE  
<sup>"JUST"</sup>  
(THE PROMISE - & GOD'S FAITHFULNESS)

THE CHRISTIAN IS JOURNEYING ON TO A CITY THAT  
HATH FOUNDATION IN GOD -- (WE HAVE COME OUT OF  
THE WORLD -- BECAUSE JESUS SAID:)

"YE ARE NOT OF THE WORLD," EVEN AS I AM NOT  
OF THE WORLD --

II] A STRANGE COUNTRY -- ⑨

"BY FAITH" ABRAM JOURNED -- "IN THE LAND  
PROMISED" -- BY FAITH -- A STRANGE COUNTRY --

HE FOUND THIS COUNTRY OCCUPIED BY A  
"FOUL & DEGRADED RACE"

"HE"

[DID NOT ATTEMPT TO ACQUIRE LAND HIMSELF]

HE, BY FAITH --

LIVED AS A PILGRIM -- "KNOWING GOD"

[HAD CALLED & PROMISED --]

ROUND ABOUT HIM WERE WALLED CITIES --  
-- YET -- THE LAND BELONGED TO HIM BY  
PROMISE -- "HE DWELLED IN TENTS" ⑩

⑪ AS A PARTNER WITH GOD'S PEOPLE -- ⑪  
-- WITH "ISSAC" & "JACOB" --

THE PROMISE WAS TO ABRAHAM & HIS SEED --  
SO "ABRAHAM WAITED" -- DWELLING WITH  
HIS SON & GRANDSON --

(FELLOWSHIP WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS)

⑧ A PARTAKER OF GOD'S PROMISES → (9) (10)  
"HEIRS WITH HIM"

(DUELLING & BELIEVING)

"LOOKING"

FOR THE "CITY OF GOD" ~ (10)

"BUILT & MADE BY GOD" -- HE LOOKED:

MEANS = "EAGERLY EXPECTED" --

ABRAHAM REALIZED -- GOD'S PROMISES

WERE FOR A HEAVENLY COUNTRY -- IN

"THE COMING AGE" -- (HEAVEN'S SPIRITUAL REALITIES)  
(REV 21:19-20)

III] AN IMPOSSIBLE CONDITION -- (11-16)

"EVEN SARAH" (BY FAITH)

ALWAYS ADMIREABLE -- IN SUBJECTION TO  
ABRAHAM -- QUEENLINESS IN GOD'S SIGHT --

"PETER" COMMENDED HER "AS SARAH  
OBEYED ABRAHAM, CALLING HIM LORD"

① SELF-SACRIFICING = THE STORE OF HAGAR &  
"ISHMAEL"

② A NEW REVELATION = AFTER "13 YRS" NEW NAMES  
AND "A SON"

↓ From Hagar to  
"ISHMAEL"

(A) SARAH - (11)  
- WHEN SHE WAS "PAST AGE"  
"DELIVERED A SON" - (BY ABRAHAM)  
"BECAUSE"  
(SHE JUDGED HIM FAITHFUL THAT PROMISED)

(B) ABRAHAM - (12)  
"AS GOOD AS DEAD"  
100 YRS OLD - "PAST THE AGE"  
"THE DEARNESS BRINGS ALL GLORY TO GOD"  
AND PROMISE:  
"HIS DESCENDENTS": "AS THE STARS" &  
"AS THE SAND"  
(THEY COUNTED GOD FAITHFUL)

(C) THREE GENERATION - (13-16) (ABRAHAM, ISAC, JACOB)  
PASSED - "NOT SEEING THE PROMISES"  
THE PROMISED SON - "YES" - BUT WHAT  
ABOUT - THE PROMISED LAND - (13a)

(1) THEIR BOLD ASSURANCE - (13)  
"THEY SAW AFAR OFF & WERE  
PERSUADED" & EMBRACED THEM -  
&  
CONCEIVED STRANGERS & PILGRIMS -

② THEIR BELIEVING ATTITUDE - 14-15

ABOVE & BEYOND THE EARTHLY PROMISE -  
THEY "SEEK A COUNTRY" -

THANK GOD FOR CANAAN - "BUT" - PRAISE  
GOD - THERE IS HEAVEN -

VS 15 THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO  
RETURN - (TO THE OLD) FOR  
- FAITH WILL NOT ALLOW IT -

THIS BROUGHT A:

③ BLESSED ACHIEVEMENT - 16

① GOD IS NOT ASHAMED OF THEM -  
- I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISSAC,  
JACOB - "WHAT A DISTINCTION"

② GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THEM A CITY -  
PREPARED - "ALREADY BEEN DONE"

③ THEY DESERVED A BETTER COUNTRY -  
(THAN CANAAN) -

#### IV] AN IMPOSSIBLE COMMAND - (17-19)

- ① TRIALS COME IN THE PATHWAY OF FAITH &
- ② TRIALS OFTEN TOUCHES OUR AFFECTIONS -

#### ① THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TEST - (17)

- OFFER UP ISSAC - HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON -

#### ② THE MAGNIFICENCE OF THE TRUST - (18)

- (ABRAHAM WENT THROUGH WITH IT) -

→ HE TRUSTED GOD WAS ABLE TO RAISE ISSAC UP AGAIN - RECEIVE HIM BACK -

#### ③ THE MEANING BEHIND THE TRIAL - (19)

"HE RECEIVED HIM IN A FIGURE"

HE TOOK INTO ACCOUNT - "FIGURED" - →  
GOD COULD DO THE IMPOSSIBLE - → "SO"  
ABRAHAM DID THE IMPOSSIBLE - →

BY FAITH !!

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