

The Faith of Abraham and Sarah

(Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19)

Introduction:

1. In Hebrews 11, the necessity of faith is stressed.
 - a. A person who lacks faith cannot please God (vs.6).
 - b. However, by faith, a person can obtain a good report from God (vs.2).
2. This chapter also tells about the faith that was demonstrated by a number of men and women in the Old Testament.
3. Through their faith, Abraham and Sarah pleased God, and they obtained a good report from Him.
4. Their faith also shows how the will of God can be accepted and obeyed, even under difficult circumstances.

Discussion:

- I. (vs.8-10) ABRAHAM FOLLOWED GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS TO LEAVE HIS HOMELAND AND GO TO A PLACE THAT GOD WOULD SHOW HIM
 - A. God's instructions are given in Genesis 12:1-3.
 - B. Abraham's response is revealed in Genesis 12:4-5.
 - C. At that time,:
 1. Abraham was 75 years old
 2. Sarah was barren (Genesis 11:30).
 - D. God also spoke with Abraham in:
 1. Genesis 12:6-9
 2. Genesis 13:14-18
 3. Genesis 15:1-6.
- II. (vs.11-12) AT AN ADVANCED AGE, SARAH GAVE BIRTH TO ISAAC
 - A. (Genesis 17:15-21) God told Abraham that Sarah would have a son.
 - B. (Genesis 18:9-15) Sarah was informed that she would have a son.
 - C. (Genesis 21:1-8) Isaac was born, just as God had said.
- III. (vs.17-19) ABRAHAM FOLLOWED GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFER ISAAC
 - A. This event is recorded in Genesis 22:1-14.
 - B. The faith demonstrated by Abraham is the kind that pleases God (James 2:21-24).