

People of Faith

(Lesson 4)

Introduction:

1. Hebrews 11 emphasizes the necessity of faith.
 - a. According to vs.6, without faith a person cannot please God.
 - 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. In this lesson we are concentrating on the faith of Isaac (vs.20).
 - a. Through his faith, Isaac blessed his sons concerning things in the future.
 - b. His faith shows how we can have confidence in things that we have not seen (vs.1).

Discussion:

I. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

- A. Isaac was born to Sarah, just as God had promised (Genesis 17:19, 21; 21:1-5).
- B. Eventually, Isaac married Rebekah who gave birth to Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:19-28).
- C. God made the same promise to Isaac that He had made to Abraham (Genesis 26:1-5, 23-24).

II. (GENESIS 27) ISAAC BLESSED JACOB AND ESAU

- A. (vs.1-5) Isaac desired to bless Esau before he died.
- B. (vs.6-17) Rebekah devised a plan whereby Jacob would receive Isaac's blessing.
- C. (vs.18-29) Isaac blessed Jacob with the blessing he had intended to give to Esau.
- D. (vs.30-40) Esau came to Isaac to receive his blessing.
- E. (vs.41-46) Rebekah learned of Esau's hatred for Jacob, and she instructed Jacob to leave.
- F. However, before Jacob left, . . .

III. (GENESIS 28:1-5) ISAAC PRONOUNCED A SPECIAL BLESSING UPON JACOB

- A. Isaac believed the promises that God made to him and Abraham.
- B. He had faith that God would fulfill His promise to Jacob.