

## Good Report

Phil 4:8 - prayer; introduce, noting that we should think on this

### **Good Report – Definitions**

1. Heb 11:39 – **“through faith”** – Heb 11:6 cf Rom 10:17 (cite), 1 Pet 1:23 (cite) - explain
2. Prov 15:30 – **“maketh the bones fat”** – get soulish blessings
3. 3 John 11-12 – explain - 1 Tim 3:7 – **“of them which are without”** – testimony affects others and is seen of them
4. 1 Sam 2:24 – **“no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD’s people to transgress”** – will help brethren do right too, or this happens

**Good Report – OT** - Heb 11:1-2 – note that this term may be helpful in understanding how salvation worked in the OT – Heb 11:13, 39-40 cf Gal 3:13-14 – explain that they did not receive the promise but would get it later; had fellowship and awaited sonship; note mention of “dying in faith” being important for understanding verses like those in Ezekiel 18, ~~and~~ Mat 24, and Heb

1. **Carnal OT saints** – Heb 11:32 – **“Samson”** – Heb 11:33 – **“who through faith subdued kingdoms”** – Heb 11:34 – **“out of ... aliens”** – explain his life and bad choices, yet there were good ones in there and God used him
2. **Spiritual OT saints - Abraham**
  - a. Heb 11:8-10 – **faith in God’s word for a city** – preach it as going to heaven in glorification
  - b. Heb 11:11-12 cf Rom 4:16-22, Job 33:24-26 – **faith to help physically** – preach it as help with health, etc during sanctification
  - c. Heb 11:17-19 cf Jas 2:21-24, Gen 22:3 – **“took two of his young men with him, and Isaac”** – **faith to receive a figure of Christ** – preach it as a type of the future justification by faith

**Good Report – NT** – 1 Tim 2:3-4, 2 Tim 3:16-17, 1 Thes 5:23 – use to conclude; tie to Abraham, going backwards (from c -> a), that is, we get sonship and work on fellowship - Prayer