

**Sermon Series:**           **The Hope That Encourages Us**  
**Sermon Title:**           **Our Heavenly Home for Which We Hope**  
**Sermon Text:**           **Hebrews 11:8-16**

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**I.       THE DESTINATION THAT IS ASSURED BY THE DIVINE PROMISE           8-12**

**A.       IT IS PURSUED WITH A STUNNING PROMPTNESS           8, 9**

**1.       His Immediate Departure           8a**

A sovereign summons, Gen 12:1-6. Preparing us for 15:6; Rom 4:3, 9, 22. Inheritance is central to the covenant.

**2.       His Implicit Dependence           8b**

Meaning of faith! Great perplexity, uncertainty, radical changes, etc., in the face of incomplete, incomprehensible details. Uncertainty and vagueness do not deter our faith and confidence in God.

**3.       His Inconstant Dwelling           9a**

Sojourner.. foreign land... tents. A sense of rootlessness; belonging to nowhere. Dt 26:5. Contrast = land of promise, land of Canaan. Here, strong hints of permanence, stability.

His custom. His company- covering the entire period of patriarchal sojourn in Canaan. His comfort? His confidence – language of promise constant assurance of God’s reliability, Isa 65:16; etc.

**B.       IT IS PONDERED FROM THE SUPREME PERSPECTIVE           10**

**1.       His Eager Prospect**

His faithful focus and riveted gaze. His power, purpose for living. Foundations contrast with transient, temporary conditions. The foundation in tents; no stability in tent-living.

**2.       His Excellent Perception**

Out of this world. Crafter and builder. Supernatural. Not merely seeking relief from mundane miseries. True meaning of inheritance. Expanded on in vv. 13-16.

**C.       IT IS POPULATED BY A SUPERNATURAL PROCESS           11, 12**

**1.       The Conceptual Power           11a**

A crucial problem: Sarah or Abraham the subject?

**2.       The Covenantal Promise           11b**

The patriarchal resurrection is based on the promise/Word of God = the ground of his confidence, faith. Rom 4:18-19.

**3.       The Countless Progeny           12**

Contrast of one (dead) man vs countless; etc. Recall Isa 51:1, 2; Jn 12:24; 1 Cor 15:36. Also Gen. 15:5; 22:17; Ex. 32:13; Dt. 1:10; etc. Fulfilled in Mt 28:18-20; consummated in Rev 5:9; 7:9-12.

**II.       THE DETERMINATION THAT IS ANCHORED IN THE DIVINE PURPOSE   13-16**

The patriarchal eschatological confidence. How is this determination demonstrated?

**A.       BY ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR TRANSIENT CONDITION           13, 14**

**1.       Their Delayed Acquisition           13a**

Rev 14:13. Died in faith, not in frustration, futility, failure.

2. Their Distant Affection 13b  
Note their courageous confession. See Heb 11:25-27.

3. Their Defiant Acceptance 14  
A manifest declaration.

B. BY AFFIRMING THEIR TOTAL COMMITMENT 15, 16A

1. The Rejected Possibilities 15  
No nostalgia. The desire to return contradicts the powerful presence of faith. Christian life = a cruciform life, Lk 9:23-26; 14:25-27. Rejects all possibilities and pretensions to personal preferences that diminish, distract, deter, etc., our faith. Gen 24:1-7.

2. The Reaffirmed Priority 16a  
A defiant attitude. A continuous, insistent desire, cf. 1 Tim 3:1, forged on the eschatological promise. The nature of this home is developed in Heb 12:22-24; 13:14. An ardent focus and accepted fact. This world is not our home!

C. BY ATTAINING THE UTMOST COMMENDATION 16 B  
The grand climax of it all! The crowning crescendo of it all!

1. The Confirmation of Their Faith  
The divine confession and confirmation. Ex 3:6, 13, 15, 16; Heb 2:11.

2. The Certainty of Their Future  
Jn 14:1-6. In the end, Jesus is our destination! Jn 12:26; 1 Thess 4:17; Rev 21:22.