

Intro:

EP (Main point of text): Abraham lived unto his dying day with faith in eternal life.

HP (Main application of text): *Keep the faith.*

Move 1: God's promise to Abraham had an ongoing effect.

- Vs. 1-4, 6: has more sons/grandsons through Keturah his concubine (1 Chr. 1:32).
- Amazing! His body already good as dead when believed God/fathered Isaac (Rom. 4:19).

Move 2: Abraham focused on God's promise to the end.

Vs. 6: sent other sons away to secure safety for Isaac, the heir of the estate of God's promise, Vs. 5: While nearing death and yet no grandson!

Move 3: Like Abraham, you must trust that the end is just the beginning.

Vs. 7-8, had a long and full life. Unique calling/promises/sacrifices/faith.

Vs. 8: "gave up the Ghost": expired, breathed last breath. Like Jesus. But not without hope.

... he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. (Heb 11:10) He... desire[d] a better country, that is, an heavenly (Heb 11:16)

Abraham always looked forward to/beyond death: Vss. 9-10, buried where he buried "his wife", Sarah. Grave he purchased as portal to PL on Last Day. Spent his whole life getting ready for it.

Conclusion:

HP: *Keep the faith.*