

## A Legacy of Blessing

Hebrews 11:17-23

- I. **ABRAHAM'S FAITH** (17-19; Gen 22:1-18)—*instructed his children*
  - A. **Pursued God Above All Things** (Mat 10:21-22, 37-38)—*tested for idolatry*
    1. **Only God is worthy of such devotion!**
    2. **God IS worthy.**
  - B. **Informed His Understanding** (19)—*employed holy reasoning*
    1. **God's Word**—I know what God promised.
    2. **God's Character** (1 Tim 1:12)—I know God is faithful,
    3. **God's Power** (Mat 22:29)—I know that nothing is impossible for God
  - C. **Compelled Complete Obedience**—*extreme, ultimate, unquestioning*
  - D. **Believed in Resurrection** (Heb11:9-10; 39-40; Lk 1:47; 1 Thes 5:10)—  
This is the essential bit of supernatural information that undergirds our faith.
    1. **There is more than a mechanistic universe in a closed system.**
    2. **God is not limited by what we consider to be possible.**
    3. **God's promise is for me, but not just for me in my lifetime.**
- II. **ISAAC'S FAITH** (20; Gen 25-27)—*invoked blessing on his children,*
  - A. **Our faith is able to bless our children.** (Gen 18:19; Deut 11:18-21; Pro 14:26; 1 Cor 7:14)
    1. **God blesses the children of a believer.** (1 Cor 7:14; Act 2:39)

**2. The blessing contains an obligation to follow the LORD.** (Gen 18:19)

**3. Parents must instruct and disciple their children in the faith.** (Deut 11:18-21; Ps 34:11; Eph 6:4). —The blessing is not *automatically* transmitted; it requires faith, must be pursued.

**B. Our faith is demonstrated in the way we raise our children.** (There is a God and *you are not Him!*)

**1. God uses imperfect parents.**

**2. We worship God because He is worthy, not because we are.**

**III. JACOB'S FAITH** (21; Gen 28-35, 48-49)—*a legacy of blessing*

**A. The Blessing of a Godly Heritage**—*our faith will affect generations*

**1. The God of Our Fathers**—the *source* of our blessing

**2. The History of Our People** (Gen 32:24-28)—a connection to something bigger

a. Our witness includes honesty about our own struggles with God. (Gen 32:24-28; Ps 78)

b. We have a duty to our ancestors and to our posterity.

**3. The Holiness of Our Calling**—our identity and purpose

**B. The Witness of a Believer's Death.**—worshipped God at his death

**IV. JOSEPH'S FAITH** (22; Gen 50:22-26)—*reminds us of the future*

**A. Made Mention of the Exodus** —reminded the next generation of God's promise

**B. Gave Directions Concerning His Bones**—memorial of expectant faith...

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