

## BY FAITH ABRAHAM...

Hebrews 11:8-10

## INTRODUCTION:

A. Faith is that which the just should live by

- 1) *"Now the just shall live by faith..."*
- 2) This is after we are declared "just"
- 3) Without it we cannot be well-pleasing to God vs 6

B. Faith is two things to the just

- 1) It is the foundation of our decisions
- 2) It is the evidence that we are all that God wants us to be.

C. By it the elders received a good report

- 1) *"By faith Abel..."*
- 2) *"By faith Enoch..."*
- 3) *"By faith Noah..."*

I. By Faith Abraham...Obeyed vs 8

A. *"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed..."*

- 1) "called" = καλεω = "to call anyone", "summons"
- 2) "go out" = εξερχομαι = "to go forth"
- 3) "obeyed" = υπακουω = "to listen to", "to obey"

B. *"...and he went out, not knowing, whither he went."*

- 1) "not knowing" = επισταμαι = "to understand", "to know"
- 2) "By faith Abraham on being called, obeyed the command to go forth into a place, that would be his, and he set out not knowing where he was going."

## C. The call of Abraham Genesis 12:1-9

- 1) "...the Lord said unto Abram..."
- 2) "...unto a land that I will show thee"

## D. The obedience of Abraham

- 1) "So Abram departed..."
- 2) "...as the Lord had spoken unto him..."

## II. By Faith Abraham...sojourned vs 9

## A. "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise..." vs 9

- 1) "sojourned" = παροικεω = "to dwell along side of", "to be a foreigner residing in a foreign country"
- 2) "land" = γη = "earth", "land"

## B. "...as in a strange country..."

- 1) "strange" = αλλοτριος = "alien", "not one's own"
- 2) "as in a land not his own" ASV

## C. "...dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:"

- 1) "dwelling" = κατοικεω = "to settle down in a fixed dwelling", "to dwell fixedly in a place"
- 2) "tabernacle" = σκηνη = "any covered sheltered place", "a tent"
- 3) αυτος = "very", "self-same", "the very same"
- 4) "He lived in tents like a mere visitor" TAY

## III. By Faith Abraham...looked vs 10

## A. "For he looked for a city which hath foundations..."

- 1) "looked" = εκδεχομαι = "to wait expectantly", "to be prepared to deal with a situation"
- 2) "city" = πολις = "a town enclosed with a wall"

B. "...whose builder and maker is God."

- 1) "builder" = τεχνιτης = "an artificer; one who does or handles a thing by the rules of art"
- 2) "maker" = δημιουργος = "a handicraftsman" Used by the Greeks as the name for the maker of the world.
- 3) "foundation" = θεμελιος = "placed or laid as a foundation" He looked for a laid-out city.

IV. The City They Looked For Revelation 21:1-4

A. It is in a better world

- 1) "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth"
- 2) "for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away;"

B. It is in a better country

- 1) Hebrews 11:16
- 2) "but now they desire a better country, that is an heavenly;"

C. It is a better city

- 1) Hebrews 12:22
- 2) "...Mount Sion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem..."
- 3) It is a continuing city Hebrews 13:14
- 4) Revelation 21:2 "...the holy city, New Jerusalem..."
- 5) Jesus is building it John 14:1-4

