

Abraham: Living By Faith – Part III

Heb. 11:9-10

Introduction:

As we look at Abraham, we saw the last two weeks “The Pilgrimage of Faith: Separation from the World

1. God’s Call Was (And Is) To Go Out.
2. God’s Call Was (And Is) To Flee Idolatry.
3. God’s Call Was (And Is) To Flee Sexual Immorality.
4. God’s Call Was (And Is) To Flee Covetousness.
5. Call Was (And Is) To Flee Youthful Lusts.
6. God’s Call Was (And Is) A Lonely Call.
7. God’s Call Was (And Is) A Call To Do Things God’s Way Not The World’s Way.

F. B. Meyer’s summary of Abraham’s life: “Each step of real advance in the Divine life will involve an altar on which some dear fragment of the self life has been offered, or a pile of stones beneath which some cherished idol has been buried.”

I. Patient Faith is Not Easy

A. Heb. 11:8 – Abraham obeyed God when he did not know where he was going.

B. Heb. 11:11-12 0 Abraham obeyed God when he did not know how God's Word would be accomplished.

C. Heb. 11:13-16 – Abraham obeyed God when he did not know when God would fulfill His promise.

D. Heb. 11:17-19 – Abraham obeyed God when he did not know why God was so working.

E. The point of all this is, patient faith is not easy.

II. Patient Faith Is In The Unseen – Heb. 11:10

A. The key to Abraham's waiting was he was looking beyond this physical world to the unseen.

B. Is it possible to be “so heavenly minded we are no earthly good?”

C. Actually it is when we become too “earthly” minded that we are no real earthly good.

D. This is why we are exhorted to focus on heaven.

E. This heavenly city, Heb. 11:10, is call many things in Scripture.

III. Patient Faith Causes Us to Live As Pilgrims – Heb. 11:9-10

A. Abraham waited for that heavenly city – vs. 11.

B. That faith caused him to live willingly detached from this present world – vs. 9.

C. A clear Vision of the future impresses on us the transiency of this present.

D. Abraham gives us a pattern for how a pilgrim properly lives a separated yet effective life in this world.