

## Hebrews 11

### Abraham's test – Gen 22:1-19

#### *Heb 11:1-19*

1. What repetition do you observe in this section?
  - a. What follows "by faith" in each example?
  - b. What evidence of faith is given in each example?
2. What is the significance of verse 2 for us today?
3. *Gen 22:1-19*
4. If the sacrifice of Isaac is prophetic of, and analogous to the sacrifice of Jesus:
  - a. How did Abraham reflect God the Father?
  - b. How did Isaac reflect Jesus?
  - c. Describe their attitudes and emotions.
5. Heb 11:19 indicates that Abraham "reasoned that God could raise the dead." How does the Genesis account of Abraham's test point to this too? On what basis did the Hebrews author make this claim?
6. Review God's promises to Abraham in the following references:
  - a. Gen 12:1-3
  - b. Gen 13:14-18
  - c. Gen 15:1-21
  - d. Gen 17:1-8
  - e. Gen 22:16-18
7. What repetition do you observe in these sections?
8. What is different in these sections regarding the promise?
9. What conclusion did Moses (the author of Genesis) make about Abraham's faith in Gen 15:6?
10. Consider Paul's opinion of Abraham's faith in Rom 4:1-5 & Gal 3:6-14, and James' in Jas 2:21-26. How does the Genesis account of Abraham's faith show that these texts are in agreement?

### Isaac's blessing – Gen 27:1-40

#### *Heb 11:20*

1. What was the content of Isaac's blessing? What in this blessing is derived from the blessing and promise to Abraham?
2. Since Isaac was fooled by Rebekah's scheme for Jacob to receive Esau's blessing, was Isaac's faith misdirected or frustrated?

### Jacob's blessing – Gen 49:1-26

#### *Heb 11:21*

1. How did Jacob demonstrate his faith by this blessing on his 12 sons?
  - a. What stands out in Jacob's blessing for Judah and for Joseph?
  - b. What is in this blessing consistent with God's promises to Abraham?

### Eyes of Faith

### Joseph – Gen 50:24-26

#### *Heb 11:22*

1. What enabled Joseph to be able to look ahead and see that God would bring Israel out of Egypt? How did this demonstrate his faith? What was the source of his faith? See Gen 15:12-15.
2. Moses' parents – Ex 1:8 - 2:10

#### *Heb 11:23*

1. How did faith enable Moses' parents to hide him from the Egyptians for three months?
2. Compare the faith of Moses' parents to that of Joseph. The basis of Joseph's faith was partly from the promise of Abraham. What was the basis of Moses' parent's faith? What could they see by faith? Why did they not fear the king's edict?

### Moses' identification with Israel – Ex 2:11-15

#### *Heb 11:24-27*

1. What (in Heb 11) indicates that Moses chose to be identified with Israel and not Egypt?
2. Why did he make this decision? What was Moses able to see that led to this decision? How did this decision demonstrate his faith?
3. What is the connection between Moses and Christ, as noted in Heb 11:26? In this regard, how is Moses like Christ?

### Moses & the Passover – Ex 12:1-14

#### *Heb 11:28*

1. What was the connection between Moses' faith and keeping the Passover? At that time what had he seen to build up his faith?

### Moses passing through the Red Sea – Ex 14:15-31

#### *Heb 11:29*

1. Trace the development of Moses' faith to the point that he is able to lead Israel through the Red Sea? How could he be sure (in Ex 14:13-14) that he was not leading his people to a watery grave? What was the source of his faith?
2. In this event, how did Moses demonstrate his faith? What was his faith based on? What could he see that others did not?
3. What caused Moses' faith to be contagious? What did the people of Israel see that gave them faith?

### Rahab & Joshua

#### Rahab – Josh 2:1-24

#### *Heb 11:30-31*

1. Why did the Hebrews author use a prostitute as an example of faith?
2. What was the basis of her faith? What had she heard, and what did she know about God?
3. Was Rahab the only one in Jericho who knew these things? Compare her behavior to the king, who also had the same knowledge about God? What made the difference?
4. What did the people of Jericho choose as an alternative to Rahab's faith? Examine and compare how fear affected Rahab and the people of Jericho. How is fear and faith related in this story? See Proverbs 9:10 & 19:23
5. Describe her expression of faith. What opposition to her faith did she face? In what two ways did she express her faith? What did she say, and what did she do?
6. What contract did she make with the Israelite spies? What does faith have to do with contracts?
7. How is Rahab an example and an encouragement to those who are tempted to give up faith?

8. Using Rahab as an example, what is the nature of saving faith?
  - a. Is having correct knowledge about God enough?
  - b. Is understanding enough?
  - c. Is sincerity enough?
  - d. Considering Rahab, what is enough?

*Joshua & the walls of Jericho – Josh 6:1-5; 15-27*

1. What was the point of marching around Jericho? If you were one of the Jericho residents, how would it make you feel or think? What reason would they have to ridicule; What reason would they have to fear?
2. What was the significance of the number 7 in this story?
  - a. 7 priests
  - b. 7 trumpets
  - c. 7 days
  - d. Marching around 7 times on the 7th day.
3. What opposition to his faith did he face?
4. How did Joshua demonstrate his faith in this campaign? What were his campaign plans for capturing Jericho?
5. How is Joshua an example and an encouragement to those who are tempted to give up faith?
6. Compare Joshua's faith to Rahab's. What is the same, and what is different?