

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: ARCHETYPE ABRAHAM

Main Text: Hebrews 11:8-12

Sermon Description: The contextually powerful lineup of great faith illuminating examples given to us in Hebrews 11 is especially appreciated as one considers the events recorded in Genesis 10 and 11 between the account of Noah and Abraham. In Gen 11, the post-flood society came together with one voice saying: “Come let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” The Lord, of course, foils their plans and judges their humanistic efforts by dispersing them and confusing their language. In the ruins of this idolatrous failed society, God calls Abraham to be the father of the faith (Rom 4:12). A man called out from the comforts of his own pagan city (Ur/Haran) to be sent as a sojourner his entire life in faith of a promised city to come who's builder and maker is God Himself! Gen 15:6 tells us: “He believed the Lord and He counted it to him as righteousness.” Paul in Romans 4 recognizes and expounds the paradigmatic call of Abraham – magnifying the elements central to the gospel sovereignly ordained through faith and its promises resting on the grace of God. It is little wonder therefore, that the author of Hebrews devotes much of this compendium in chapter 11 to the faith of the great patriarch, Abraham...

Heading: THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM REVEALS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN...

1. FAITH AND OBEDIENCE (Heb 11:8))

- a. Patriarch Abraham (Rom 4:20-24) b. Calling (Josh 24:2-3) c. Works of faith (James 2:14-17)

2. FAITH AND PROMISE (Heb 11:9-10)

- a. Paradoxical (Gen 23) b. Multi-generational c. City of God (Gen 4:14-17)

3. FAITH AND POWER (Heb 11:11-12)

- a. In spite of us (Eph 2:8) b. Faithfulness of God c. Incalculable fruit (Heb 12:22, Gal 4:25, Rev 21)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Patriarch	Faith & obedience	Faith and works	Abraham's land	Cain's city	Abe & City of God
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Rom 4:20-24	Rom 1:5, 16:26	James 2:14-17	Gen 23	Gen 4:14-17	Heb 11:8-12

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: ...Psalm 67...