

Text: Hebrews 11:8-10; Genesis 12-22

Title: By Faith Abraham

**BY FAITH ABRAHAM OBEYED**

1. God's call to Abraham (Genesis 12)

a) To leave

i) His country

ii) His family

iii) His father's house Genesis 12:1

b) To go to land that he would receive as an inheritance Hebrews 11:8

i) He went out

ii) Not knowing where he was going Hebrews 11:8

2. Abraham obeyed God's call

a) Obedience was an expression of his faith

b) Obedience

i) Would require courage

ii) Would require conviction

**BY FAITH HE DWELT IN THE LAND OF PROMISE AS IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY**

1. He dwelt in the land of promise

2. He never went back to his father's country

3. He dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country

a) Hard existence

b) Many problems/ challenges

c) Dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob the heirs with him of the same promise

4. Living by faith on the promises of God

**FOR HE WAITED FOR THE CITY WHICH HAS FOUNDATIONS, WHOSE BUILDER AND MAKER IS GOD**

1. Growth of faith in Abraham

- a) Patchy at times
- b) But there was definite growth

2. He understood the deeper meaning of “the promised land”

- a) It was Canaan
- b) But it was more than Canaan
- c) It would be a city made and built by God Himself
- d) By faith he saw a heavenly and eternal city built on everlasting foundations

3. He waited for this city

- a) He was content to just live in tents
- b) His focus was not the acquisition of the things of this world
- c) He waited for the day when he would enter into the heavenly city whose builder and maker is God

#### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

*For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*

*Romans 4:3*