

FAITH- Submission & Obedience

Main Scriptures: Hebrews 11: 1-8

Supporting Scriptures: Genesis 1, Genesis 17: 15-19; Genesis 18:1-15; Genesis 21:1-3,12; Genesis 22: 1-13; Deuteronomy 11:13; John 6:38; Philippians 2:5;

Reading for next week: Leviticus 1 and 2

It is impossible to please God without Faith. We must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Faith shows the reality of what we can not see.

By faith, we understand that the universe was created at God's command and what we see now did not come from anything that can be seen. (Genesis 1:1)

Hebrews 11: 18 and onwards talk about the men and women of faith

Abraham walking not knowing where he was going but walked by faith.

Everything seemed impossible for Abraham and Sarah to have a child but God asks is there anything too hard for God to do.

As God had told Abraham the bible says in Genesis 21 that God kept his promise at the time that God had said it would.

The time stand between Genesis 21 and 22 is about 25 to 37 years old. Isaac is a grown man. God tested Abrahams's faith.

Genesis 22: 1 - note that Abraham is not in hiding because of the relationship with God. He is able to say yes here I am.

How should Abraham respond to God with such a demand to sacrifice the one thing we love. We need to notice that worship is bloody. To worship God could mean losing your life. Immerse your mind in the demand the Lord placed on Abraham you are to take your only son Isaac after you banished the other son Ishmael and now sacrifice him. Abraham responded with faith - obedience and submission. The next morning Abraham got up early... Abraham was not negotiating with God and journeys three long days with the command of the Lord to offer Isaac. Note the relationship between Abraham and Isaac, that Isaac is submissive to the teachings and instruction of his father.

Verse 5 we will worship there and come right back. (Plural- we not I) that's faith. If Isaac is to be offered as a burnt offering how will you come back with him? It has to do with how we see God and what the promises of God were to Abraham. If God told Abraham that out of Isaac there will be a great number of

defendants - Abraham believed that God's promise is true and that God is good and that the demand of God on his children is for our good.

If we look at God as a punisher we will not respond correctly to the Lord. But if we see him as an eternal God that wants to do good to humanity then responding in faith is much easier.

Verse 6 - Isaac is silent.

Verse 7 - Isaac asks a question where is the sheep for the burnt offering.

Worship is bloody and is obedience by faith and total surrender.

Faith is not passive. It can not be executed in disobedience or from a heart that is not submissive or surrendered to the Lord.

It doesn't matter how ridiculous the demand seemed Abraham did not question the demand he obeyed and showed that his heart is totally surrendered to God.

We need to move away from the norms of our assemblies and Christian culture that is passive and respond to God with a heart of obedience to do. Faith brings results and it is never passive.

John 6:38

How many can say that we are serving Jesus Christ to not do our own will but his will? The lord is not looking at our eloquence or fineness. HE looked at Abraham when he was about to take Isaac's life in obedience.

GOD Is really looking at our actions. everyone can say they have faith - passive faith.

But between the good works and faith is a surrendered heart.

Hebrews 5:8; Philippians 2:5

The duty of a priest is to serve Jesus took on the form of a servant and humbled himself - sounds like Abraham (like the spirit he has- he humbled himself)

We don't need to pray about what is the command in the scriptures we just listen and do. Be obedient unto death even the death of the Cross.

The statement that the angel said of Abraham was the status that he took on with God. A Man of FAITH. HIE FAITH was counted as righteousness.

It is believed that this act of faith played a significant role in the death of Sarah who only found out after they came from the mountain.

Every person who is called by God must know what the demand and purpose that we serve in his kingdom. Are we satisfied with being in the assembly and never being challenged? And some who want to function but have not surrendered their hearts to the Lord. We are not submissive and a heart that is not submissive is one that will not be used. When we look q the response from the angel to Abraham - now I know that you fear God and compare to the voice that said about Jesus - this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.

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What will the Lord say about us? Is he pleased with our response to the call on our lives or are we being carried along with every wave that blows and hope by chance we will make it?

He that comes to God must believe that he exists and we must believe that he rewards the who sincerely seek him.

We can tell based on our attitudes whether or not we believe that God rewards those who diligently seek him. Faith in God has everything to do with our obedience and submission to God.

Lets read ahead in Leviticus chapters 1 -2