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Having the Faith of Abraham

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In Hebrews 11:8 [NAS] we read, “By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.”

To this very day, Abraham is respected so highly that even his very name is considered synonymously with that of faith, for it is upon Abraham that God has bestowed the title of “the father of all who believe” in Romans 4:11 [NAS]. In speaking of the righteousness and faith of Abraham, the Apostle Paul states in Romans 4:10-12 [NAS], 10. How then was it reckoned? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; 11. and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them, 12. and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

Abraham did as His Lord had commanded, and he went and dwelt in a land that was not his. It was by faith that he went there and lived. By faith it means he lived by the spoken word of God. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Romans 10:17 (NAS), 7. for we walk by faith, not by sight. 17. So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”

Abraham had been given a promise and, no doubt, he was encouraged greatly by that promise. He was willing to travel some 400 miles and dwell in tents in a temporary home in a strange land because the home he longed for and waited for was a home with foundations that could not be shaken. The Hebrews writer tells us in Hebrews 11:10 [NAS] concerning Abram’s great faith, “for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose Architect and Builder is God.”

As children of God we, too are heirs of this same promise. As Paul states in Galatians 3:27-29 [NAS], 27. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. As heirs with Abraham may we, too, look forward to living in that city not made with hands!

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

REVISITED: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Sonship

- Physical- Matthew 1:1-16, Luke 1:26-27, 3:23-38
- Spiritual- Matthew 1:18,20,22-23, Luke 1:31-32,35, John 1:1,14, 10:30-33, Philippians 2:5-11

Messiahship

- Prophecy- Matthew 1:23 (Isiah 7:14), 2:6 (Micah 5:2), 2:15 (Hosea 11:1), 2:17-18 (Jeremiah 31:15), 2:23
- Purpose- Matthew 1:21, Luke 2:10-12, 28-32 (Psalm 98:2, Isaiah 42:6, 49:6, 52:10, 60:3), Luke 2:38, 1 Peter 1:12

Kingship

- Birthright- Matthew 2:2,11, Luke 1:32, Jeremiah 23:5, 2 Samuel 7:12-16
- Character- Matthew 2:5-6, 13-18, 23, Luke 2:7,24 (Leviticus 12), Isaiah 53:3, Luke 1:35, 1 Peter 2:22
- Enduring- Luke 1:32-33, Isaiah 9:6-7, Daniel 2:44

Luke 1:26-33

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Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 532 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 (Vs. 1, 2)

Song: 9 A Wonderful Savior (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer

Song: 12 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? (Vs. 1, 2, 5 Cho after Vs. 5)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 622 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Song: 274 I Have Found a Friend in Jesus

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-33

Sermon

Song: 50 Are You Washed in the Blood? (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 404 Looking to Thee (Vs. 2)

Prayer

Luke 1:26-33 (NKJV)

- 26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth,
- 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
- 28 And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you."
- 29 But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was.
- 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.
- 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.
- 32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;
- 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."