

Start Presentation

Psalm 84:4-5

**4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;
They will still be praising You.**

**5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You,
Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. [NKJ]**

**5 Blessed and greatly favored is the man whose strength is in You,
In whose heart are the highways to Zion. [AMP]**

Colossians 3:1-3

- 1 Christ's resurrection is your resurrection too. This is why we are to yearn for all that is above, for that's where Christ sits enthroned at the place of all power, honor, and authority!**
- 2 Yes, feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm and fill your thoughts with heavenly realities, and not with the distractions of the natural realm.**
- 3 Your crucifixion with Christ has severed the tie to this life, and now your true life is hidden away in God in Christ.**

Your Spiritual Pilgrimage
Signposts From The Past

Walking With God

Hebrews 11:5-6

5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Genesis 5:21-24

21 When Enoch was 65 years old, he became the father of Methuselah.

22 After the birth of Methuselah, Enoch lived in close fellowship with God for another 300 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

23 Enoch lived 365 years,

24 walking in close fellowship with God. Then one day he disappeared, because God took him.

Obeying God's Word

Hebrews 11:7

7 Faith opened Noah's heart to receive revelation and warnings from God about what was coming, even things **that had never been seen. But he stepped out in reverent **obedience to God** and built an ark that would save him and his family. By his faith the world was condemned, but Noah received God's gift of righteousness that comes by believing.**

Hebrews 11:17-19

17 It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac,

18 even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted."

19 Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.

Genesis 22:1-2, 4-5

1 Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called.

"Yes," he replied. "Here I am."

2 "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."

4 On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

5 "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. **We** will worship there, and then **we** will come right back."

Hebrews 11:29-31

29 It was by faith that the people of Israel went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned.

30 It was by faith that the people of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down.

31 It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Seeking A Homeland

Hebrews 11:8-10

8 It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went **without knowing where he was going.**

9 And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise.

10 Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

Hebrews 11:13-16

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they **seek a homeland**.

15 If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back.

16 But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:27-28

27 It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.

28 It was by faith that Moses commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons.

Believing God's Promises

Hebrews 11:11-12

11 It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She **believed that God would keep his promise.**

12 And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

Genesis 20:17-18

17 Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants, so they could have children.

18 For the LORD had caused all the women to be infertile because of what happened with Abraham's wife, Sarah.

Hebrews 11:20-23

20 It was by faith that Isaac promised blessings for the future to his sons, Jacob and Esau.

21 It was by faith that Jacob, when he was old and dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons and bowed in worship as he leaned on his staff.

22 It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, said confidently that the people of Israel would leave Egypt. He even commanded them to take his bones with them when they left.

23 It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command.

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Hebrews 11:32-35

32 How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets.

33 By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and **received what God had promised them**. They shut the mouths of lions,

34 quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.

35 Women received their loved ones back again from death.

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Choosing To Suffer

Hebrews 11:24-26

24 It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

25 He **chose to share the oppression** of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.

26 He thought it was **better to suffer for the sake of Christ** than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward.

Hebrews 11:36-38

36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—

38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

Something Better For Us

Hebrews 11:39-40

39 All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised.

40 For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

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The End