

Study of Hebrews #51
“Living by Faith: The Patriarchs”
Text: Hebrews 11:17-22

I. Introduction and review

1. Abraham was an obedient, trusting sojourner.
2. God is preparing a city for us, and He is not ashamed to be called our God.

II. Two aspects of Biblical faith

1. It is founded on the truth of resurrection power (vs. 17-19).

2. It is focused on the hope of future grace (vs. 20-22).

III. Pondering the principles

1. Obedience to God is motivated by the promises of God.
2. Just as Abraham offered up Isaac, we must offer up our own lives.

IV. Conclusion – a final word

QUOTES

1. Albert Mohler:

Genesis 22 is one of the most important and also one of the most infamous passages in all of Scripture.

2. John MacArthur:

He believed in resurrection from the dead even before God revealed the doctrine. He had to believe in resurrection, because, if God allowed him to carry out the command to sacrifice Isaac, resurrection was the only way God could keep His promise.

3. John Piper:

- *The only life I have left to live is future life.*
- *No one became a Christian without past grace. And no one can be a Christian moment by moment without future grace. Our standing as Christians is as secure as God's supply of future grace.*

4. Kent Hughes:

[Abraham] knew Isaac had no children and, in fact, was not even married. Yet God had clearly told him to sacrifice Isaac. There was no mistake or misunderstanding. Therefore, Isaac was as good as dead! And from Abraham's perspective it was now God's problem, for God's word through Isaac had to be fulfilled. Abraham's breath-taking logic was: God could and would raise the dead. There had never been a resurrection, but he knew God had to bring Isaac back to life. There was no other way. God would keep his word!

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:

- **Gen. 22:1-14**
- **1 Cor. 15:12-19; John 5:25-29**
- **Gen. 48:15-16; Phil. 3:13-14; Gal. 2:20**
- **2 Cor. 4:16; 1 Pet. 5:10; 1 John 3:2; 2 Cor. 9:8; Eph. 2:10**
- **Rom. 4:20-25**
- **Rom. 12:1**
- **Heb. 10:35-36**