

THE HALL OF FAITH

Hebrews 11:1-40

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¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

(Hebrews 6:11-12)

Hebrews 11:8-12

⁸ 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.

⁹ By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he was looking forward to the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

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Hebrews 11:8-12

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¹¹ By faith even Sarah herself, although barren, received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

 12 Therefore also there was born of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.

By Faith, Not Sight

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- > The Faith of Abraham and Sarah
 - displays the life of faith in God's future promise and present power
 - reveals the ultimate destiny and supernatural origin of God's people

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By Faith, Not Sight

- 1. Abraham: the Sojourner
 - a) faith is living as if God's power for the present is real and His promise for the future is secure

As believers, our life choices are determined by faith in the promise of our future inheritance

By Faith, Not Sight

- 1. Abraham: the Sojourner
 - b) faith is living as an "alien" in the present world, continually looking forward to the permanent, superior City built by God

As believers, we are aliens and strangers in this present age – this is not our permanent home

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By Faith, Not Sight

- 2. Sarah: the Mother
 - faith is trusting in God's power and promise to bring life from death – both spiritual life and resurrection life

As believers, we trust in God's power to bring new life and to raise the dead, now fulfilled in Christ

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