

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Chapter Eleven

In this writing you will read things that you have never heard before and that is okay. Sometimes we need to get outside of our realm of understanding of where we live in that same humdrum little track and we just follow like sheep down this little path and we never step out of from it and we never look anywhere else other than what someone has told us to look at. God gave each one of us a mind and each one of us should be thinking with that mind. The world tells you that most geniuses use only about ten percent of their mind. Why don't we get into that unexplored territory? Why don't we learn something by using this other part of our mind? If we have an automobile and we only use ten percent of the horse power we will probably get a ticket for obstructing traffic because you would be traveling so slow that no one could get through. Don't you know that we are obstructing the knowledge of God when we don't use our brain? The church world tells you not to think you just do what we tell you. God says to use your mind I gave it to you. So I want to provoke you into thinking about what God says and forget about what church says.

Verse:

1. *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*
2. *For by it the elders obtained a good report.*
3. *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*
4. *By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speak.*
5. *By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*
6. *But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that comes to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*
7. *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*
8. *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.*
9. *By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:*
10. *For he looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

11. *Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*
12. *Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.*
13. *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*
14. *For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.*
15. *And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.*
16. *But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he has prepared for them a city.*
17. *By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,*
18. *Of whom it was said, that in Isaac shall thy seed be called:*
19. *Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.*
20. *By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.*
21. *By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.*
22. *By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.*
23. *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.*
24. *By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter'*
25. *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*
26. *Esteeming the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.*
27. *By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.*
28. *Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.*
29. *By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.*
30. *By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.*
31. *By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.*
32. *And what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:*

33. *Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,*
34. *Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.*
35. *Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:*
36. *And others had trial of cruel mockings, and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:*
37. *They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, 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 in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.*
39. *And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:*
40. *God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.*

Question: What is faith? Now everyone quotes this; Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. Let me show you what it really says. In the language it says this, now faith is the essence of hope. Hope is not there without the essence of faith in it. If I don't have any faith I could hope for nothing. If I don't believe something could come to pass I wouldn't hope for anything. So literally it says, *now faith is the essence of hope the proof of things, or the accomplished fact that is not seen.* It is the proof that something is not done, but it is the proof that is in your heart that God said what He would do. I am not speaking about things going on in the world; I am speaking about God dealing in our heart. And God said that it was okay, because He is the author and finisher of your faith. Did God start this thing? Then that means He will do it. You see He doesn't have an option in that. So I can say Father you can't leave me out here. Why can't He leave me out here? Because He said He was going to take care of me. Now that is no longer hope to me because I see an evidence of something. God said it and I've seen too much evidence in my life and in other people's lives to know that when God says it, it will be accomplished. But there are people who say 'God said' and it does not come to pass. If you read your scripture it says this, *if anyone prophesy that God said and it does not come to pass it says to fear not that person because they are not a prophet of God.* When people say that God told me this and He said for me to do that and you know it is not what the book says just let them go on down the road and don't worry about it. Now let's continue. Faith is the essence of hope and it is the proof of an accomplished fact not seen. What were the last words that Jesus spoke on the cross? 'It is finished'. Well then what is not completed? There is the fact that people have a problem with. Jesus

said that it is finished and it is done. Is it done? Then it is done. Do I see it? No and I don't have to. All I have to know is that God said it and I believe that He said it and that is not out of blind faith that I believe God said something because it was written in the book. God has proved Himself in my life and that is what I have to go by and you do too. God is going to show you things, He will speak things to you and He will do things in your life to get your attention. So faith is something that is evidence or proof of an accomplished fact that someone else doesn't see. Now I know it says in the word this, *you have eyes and can't see (Mark 7) and ears and you can't hear (he quoted this out of Isaiah)*. Why did He say this? Because most people can't see the accomplished fact, but does that mean that it is not accomplished? It only means that they can't see it. Can blind people see what God has done? Spiritually blind people can't see what God has done, and naturally blind people can't see anything that is going on. So they can not be expected to see what God has set out for first fruit people that He has called to do the works. Another rendition of faith; how do you get faith? Romans 10:17 says *faith comes from hearing the word of God*. There are people who never want to read a bible or study it and they want to go out and preach without using the word because they feel they got smarter than the book. The book does not say to throw it away once you've learned what it said. You see the mind of humanity is the most evil thing on the face of the earth. In Genesis it states that if the heart of man is left to itself it is continually evil. So why would we want to trust the mind. In Romans 10:17 it says *faith comes from hearing the word of God*, this is not speaking about listening to what a preacher says. That is not what God is speaking of. If you think that it is about a preacher standing and preaching the word of God to you is how you will receive faith then you have missed it. Faith comes from 'you' hearing the word of God within you. It is not about me speaking to you, but when I am speaking you should be hearing God speaking inside of you. It is not about what I am saying. If I think that I am going to tell you and I am going to change the world then I am missing something. No that is just a starting place. You need to study to make yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed. You have got to hear God talk in your life. Could I tell you things to make your life easier? Yes I could, but you know it is not my place. You have to learn to hear God yourself so you will know what is going on. It is okay to make a mistake because it is a gift of God to teach you how to do things correctly.

Vs 2 *For (because) by it*, the word 'it' is speaking of 'faith'. It is by the faith you obtained from hearing God speak in your heart, not hearing a preacher speak but hearing God speak in you. In this verse it says *by faith the elders obtained a good report*, but in the Greek language it says that they testified of a good report. Their lifestyle testified of something it wasn't just the words they spoke, but they lived a

life that was unique from all that the others were living. All the prophets lived a life that was unique from everyone else. So it is not just speaking about the word of God, but it is an understanding that sometime or another this oil that God pours on my head has to run down my face, off of my clothes and onto my feet and it has to affect my walk in my life and if it doesn't then I've not heard it yet. Until it is inside of me I've not heard it yet. Everyone has the protrusions on the side of your head called ears and they hear vibration but that doesn't mean that you are hearing what God says. God is inside of us and not external and He is not running here and there He is inside all people, but everyone has not been called just yet.

Vs 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds (the word 'world' is the word ages –aion) were framed (the word 'framed' is completed) by the word of God. Now who is the word of God? It states Jesus is the word of God and in this verse it says the worlds were completed by (Jesus) the word of God. What was the last thing he said on the cross? "It is finished". There are people who can't believe in the finished work of the cross and that is why there is no faith. With the naked eye you can't see Spirit. I can't see wind, but I can see the affect of the wind. I can see the affect of the Holy Spirit in my life, but I can't see the Spirit. So by the word of God things were completed, *'so that'* (the words 'so that' literally is 'into') *things which are seen.* So he took the word of God (Jesus) and made it visible to you. In John chapter 1:14 it says that the word became flesh and dwelt among us (something visible). He completed it and made the word of God something that we could see and we beheld the body of Jesus, the man. That is what he saw and that was the word of God. *So that things which are seen were not made from things which do appear.* Jesus, the word of God, was not made out of dust like Adam. He wasn't made out of something we can see, but he was created out of the word (or power) of God. It was by the Spirit. It wasn't created out of something it was created out of Himself not out of something seen. It was out of Spirit. That is why it was created out of the things not seen. Wasn't Jesus conceived by the word of God, the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit came upon Mary and she became pregnant and he became by Spirit. It wasn't created by a man, or by a physical thing that you can see. If you can see this you were too. Anyone who has been birthed into the Spirit of God was created the same way that Jesus was. You see you don't make a choice.

Vs 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain; Abel's name means 'the mourned one'. There are two seeds, the good seed and the other seed. By faith Abel was able to offer that and by no other reason than by faith. Now why did Abel have faith and Cain didn't? It says that God gives a measure of faith unto all men, but if He didn't give enough to carry you through right now it

was because He didn't want it there. You see it is all God's choice. God is setting up a pattern here. He is setting up a parable and laying it right in line and that is just what He does. *By which* (or through *which*) *he obtained witness* (or literally he testified) *that he was righteous*. The test of the faith that God had given him made witness that he was righteous because he obeyed God. How are we going to prove our righteousness? It is by what we do. If I am a Son of God I am righteous. He says that we are righteous, we are Holy, we are not blamed, nor guilty, we are innocent and we know that. But the way to prove that to someone is by our lifestyle. We've got to walk what we talk. We've got a lot of talkers out there, but not many walkers. People say, "oh I'm a good guy, I'm a Christian". Well then why doesn't the walk match up with that? There is the problem. I am not putting condemnation on anyone I am just saying that if I am saying that I am a Son of God then I have an obligation to live up to. You don't measure yourself by me or any other human being on the face of this earth. You measure yourself with Christ. Now knowing that I walk my life being covered by the blood of Christ (just as everyone else is covered – because he died for the sin of the whole world) what do I have to do when I come up to a situation and in it I could either be honest or dishonest. How long would it take me to figure it out? The Holy Spirit dwells within me so would I have to think about it? I don't even have to think about it and I would know the right decision by the Spirit within me. Now I could over rule that if I wanted to be disobedient, but then I can not be walking in righteousness. It does not mean that I am not a son of God; it just means that I am a disobedient son. I hope you understand what I am speaking in this. There is no condemnation because everyone makes mistakes, that is what mercy and grace is all about. Mercy and grace is about God's forgiveness. God's nature is to forgive and if His nature is to forgive then what should our nature be? If someone does you wrong what should your nature be immediately? Forgiveness. It should not even be in our heart to retaliate or have revenge that does you wrong. If it is there we would be dwelling in something called duality and I am mistaken in my identity and I don't know who I am. I still think that I am a natural human being when God says that I am a son of God. Now who would be telling the truth? God says that I am a son of God and He says that you are sons of God. If I believe that I am that natural human being I will be making decisions in that thinking process. A double minded man is unstable in ALL his ways. *God testifying of his gifts: (literally sacrifice) and by it he being dead yet speaks*. God testified that the sacrifice that Abel gave was righteous. So was it righteous? Absolutely. Do you remember the story about Cain and Abel? God came to Cain and said, "Cain, where is your brother?" He said, "I don't know am I my brother's keeper?" God said, "His blood cries out". Now God said because he was righteous his blood cried out of the ground and spoke to him. So do you really think that we can hide

something? If a person is walking in righteousness and someone does them wrong, that blood will cry out to God (He knew it anyway), but He is showing you that He knows ALL THINGS. You cannot cover anything because it is there. It is on top of the table to Him and there is nothing in the back room or behind the door it is all in the open with God.

Vs 5 *By faith Enoch* (which means dedicated) *was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: because prior to his translation (or transferal) he had this testimony, that he pleased God* (or that he entirely gratified God). How many would like to have that testimony? That is that you entirely gratified God with your life. You are the only one that can do it and you can do it. If you know that truth then you can do it. If God gives you truth you've got a choice to walk it out. Do you think that Enoch was something special? He was just like us. As long as you see the bible as a history book or look at it as something way out in the future or way back in the history somewhere and it was all about these special people and it wasn't people of like passion you have missed the point. This book is written so you can have God deal in your heart. If you think it was for special people back there somewhere and it wasn't for you because you are just some ordinary person you missed the point. God loves you and He wants to deal in your life individually – personally. He doesn't want to play this game of hierarchy of what the church realm plays with because that is not God.

Vs 6 *But without faith it is impossible to please (entirely gratify) God;* so you see I can do all those little religious ditty's that the church wants me to do like kneeling, bowing, go to an alter, have water baptism, take communion, and say their tenets, and remember all their rules, regulations and doctrines, knock on doors, hand out tracts, and do all kinds of these little things that they tell you to do and do you know what? I've been real busy, but I have not *entirely gratified God*. The only way I can totally gratify God is by faith. Believe what He said. Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him to righteousness. Now what is the difference between him and you? Just a few thousand years and that's the only difference. You believe what God said not what the church world says. It is what God said, and do you know what? He will look at you the same way that He looked at Abraham. You are righteous. You are no different. *For he that comes to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*. The word 'diligently' means to 'crave, to demand, to require, to search for and to seek out' Him. Does that sound like someone that is just casually going to church? Does that sound like going to one of the local religious social clubs? It doesn't to me. Someone who craves God and has a passion and a desire in their heart that

cries, 'I can't live without another communication from my Father'. I need to hear Him everyday. You don't have to have your nose stuck in the book to hear God. I can hear someone speak and hear God in them. They don't even have to be church folk, and most of the time it's not. Usually when I hear church folk talking it is about things that doesn't even have to do with the book, they talk about the weather, or the stock market, or about the war. I am not concerned with those things because God is in control of the world not me. There is only one thing that I have and that is Matthew chapter 6 verse 33, *seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and everything else will be added to you*. That is so simple. He made it so simple that even a little child can understand it. We've got to believe that God is, that God exists, and that He is a rewarder of them who crave, or demand, or require, or search for, or seek Him out. Oh man that is good.

Vs 7 *By faith Noah, being warned (instructed, not warned) by God of things not seen as yet*; God told Noah, 'Noah it is going to rain'. It hadn't rained in four hundred years. Do you know what all the people thought about Noah? 'Look at that bassoon out there. He's building a boat in the middle of the desert where these people had never seen rain'. God said, 'build the boat because I am going to flood the world'. Don't you know that God is speaking things to us that sound just as foolish to the world today? God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He's not changed. He's still saying things that are foolish to the world, but you'd better listen because just as surely as Noah had not listened how many people would have survived? None, but God knew that He was speaking to a man who heard Him. Noah heard Him and the people thought that he was crazy. Noah was instructed by God of things not yet seen. He moved with fear. The word is not 'fear', but he moved with reverence and awe of God and what He was going to do and that He chose him. It is no different than when God chooses you today as when He chose Noah. You must realize this. It is not as simple as 'oh I'm saved and I'm going to heaven. That is not why God does anything, that is foolishness and that makes God an imbecile if it is just about trying to get you 'saved'. That is not what it is about. He chose Noah for a reason and it was to accomplish something. He is choosing you to accomplish something. These men and women in this book are only examples of your life. When you see Noah in this book, put your name there. This is your life. God chose me to deliver creation and if I don't deliver this creation (pointing to myself) I am surely not going to deliver anyone else. You see I have to get me straight first and if I can't get 'me' straight, I surely can't get you straight. If I give you carnal things out of a carnal mind all that I am giving you is carnality and carnality is death, by this book. I've got to get into the heavenlies and I've got to have a message to give humanity that brings life not this carnal, intellectual thinking. I don't want to give you more death I want to give you life.

He worked with awe and reverence. He prepared an ark to the saving (deliverance) of his house. What did he save? Did he save the rest of the world or did he save himself? He saved himself, saving the house was himself. He was the head of the house and he saved his house, his wife, his three sons, and their wives. If your focus is on the whole world and you are not taking care of your own backdoor guess what? Your house will not stand and neither will you. Continuing on in this verse: *by the which he condemned* (literally in the language it says this in a little deeper way, *by his example he rendered that the world's wickedness was more evident and censorable.* So by his lifestyle he judged the world. How are you going to judge the world? The church world says that they are all going to line up in a big long line towards a big throne in the sky and a big grey haired guy sitting on that throne is going to say 'guilty, throw him in hell'. But you see that is not it. It was his lifestyle that judged them and by living through faith as it says throughout this chapter. By living through faith he proved to them that he could live righteously. The righteous walk that he walked is the very thing that judged them. He never pointed a finger to them and said that they were guilty. Do you know what overflowed this world? The word of God, as the water represents the word. The word was what overflowed them and they weren't prepared for it, they had no faith. When you don't have faith the word of God can drown you, it can overtake you or consume you. That is why there are people who get into church and then they fall back out because they have never been given this key to faith and what faith really is, or of what love is or what God really is. They are given carnality and they go ahead and die – in their pews. *By the which he condemned the world;* he condemned the world, he did not condemn people. Now this is a parable. He condemned the world; this word 'world' is the word 'cosmos – the orderly arrangement, the thinking in the mind of humanity is what he judged. He judged that their thinking was wrong and the only thing that could change that was that if they wouldn't be lifted up in the presence of God in the Ark of the Covenant and guess what they are going to have to be overtaken by the force of this word. You've got two choices in your life, you will either be elevated into life by the word or you will be consumed by it in a more violent way. Either way you are going to make it. I tell you that I am going on up. I am not going to be destroyed by this flood coming in, I want to be lifted up in His presence and all you have to do is to get into Him (the Ark) and you're there; and if you know that you are already in that Ark there isn't much of a struggle. *And became heir of the righteousness which is through faith.* If you can't believe what God says and you want to believe what the religious realm says, then you can never be righteous.

Vs 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he

went (or where he was going). Have you ever felt in this life that you did not know where you were going? Everyone that says that they have a clear passage in this life is lying to you. No one has that clear passage of knowing exactly where they are going. God said by faith, 'Abraham you take off and you travel about three days and when you get there I will tell you where you are'. How are you going to get to God? You just go where He tells you to go. You don't have to say, 'hey wait a minute, which airline am I going to travel on and how much did my ticket cost? How long is it going to take me to get there? I can tell you how long it will take you to get there. He that endures to the end. So if you want to have righteousness you've got to have faith and you've got to start believing what God said and not because it agrees with what your intellectual thinking is about, but you've got to believe it because God said it. I can tell you this, when God tells you something it is not going to agree with your intellectual understanding. IT will be offensive to your understanding in your intellect. It is not easy to pallet this in the natural and that is why most people kick it out. But if you can say I will swallow this bitter herb for a while and see what it is all about. I will chew on it a bit. Then you will start saying, 'you know it's not that bad, after all it will bring something about'.

Vs 9 By faith he sojourned in the land o f promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles (or tents) with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: Now this is a parable also. He dwelled in a tent – that is to say a body of flesh. Do you know what he had in there with him? He had someone in there that liked to laugh and someone who liked to trip people up. Isaac means laughter and Jacob means 'trickster'. God has a sense of humor. What was the promise that God gave Abraham? He said his descendants would be more numerous than the dust of the earth, the sand of the sea shore and the stars of the sky. What kind of a feeling would you have if God spoke to you and said, 'don't worry about all the people that has passed before you and don't worry about all the people that is coming after you, but in you, by your seed I am going to raise up a nation that shall cover the whole earth'. This seed is the same seed that was in Abraham and if you are Abraham's seed you have that same seed and in your seed shall the rest of the earth be changed. What are you going to do with it? Are you going to just sit and look at it or are you going to realize that you have a destiny? If you don't realize that you have a destiny you will just sit and wait on the bus. You will not get to your destination by sitting. You take off like Abraham did and God will tell you when you get there. Abraham didn't know where he was going he just went where he was told. God said, 'take off to a land that I will show you'. How many of us would just start walking when God says 'go' and you walk for three days and God will tell you when you arrive at your destination? It is called faith.

Vs 10 *Because he looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.* The word ‘foundations’ in the language means ‘beginnings’, it means first principles and it means truth, which is the world of God. So he wanted something that was founded on God’s word. Why? Because he believed God. He wanted that foundation because he believed God and he wanted that beginning, something with truth and there was only one place to get it. Romans 3:4 says *make God true and all men liars.*

Vs 11 *Through faith also Sara (who was a princess) herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.* Now if you look at this as Sara being an old woman 90 years old who got pregnant and gave birth to a baby you missed it. He is speaking here of you and inside of you there is a woman (your soul) and there is a man in there and this man is not that aged that he can’t conceive in you. He can have your woman pregnant real quick. I must quit wrestling with Him. You are never too old to let that seed of God get into your heart. So we have to see that Sara conceived past her age because she judged him faithful who had promised. This should mean something to you. To be able to conceive this holy child in me the way she did I have to do something. What is it? She believed what he said, she believed he was faithful and she believed him. We have to believe God is true and faithful.

Vs 12 *Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead,(Abraham) so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.* There is the New Covenant. I don’t see any dust in that do you? All this shows is the sand and the star covenants, the two final covenants, the New Covenant. The Holy of Holies and the Most Holy Place.

Vs 13 *These all died in faith,* do you see this they had faith but they died. Now there are people who make some pretty stupid statements, like ‘well if you had faith you wouldn’t be going through all the things you are going through’. If that is so then show me one of these people that didn’t go through a whole bunch of stuff, and in God’s word He said, ‘they had faith, but they died not receiving the promise’. What does the flesh have to do with anything? Nothing, we’ve got to believe God. There is our faith. *But having seen them afar off,* you see they saw something. Do you think that they climbed upon a hill and looked across a valley and saw their destination? No God opened their eyes in spirit and He opened their eyes into the future and they saw all the great things that was going on. You see you can sit and murmur and complain, but they said, ‘oh my God, look at the end’.

The only reason you can't see the destiny that you have is because you are looking at all the obstacles between you and the destiny, and if you will lift your eyes into the spirit realm you will see beyond the obstacles that has been placed before you by your Father to train you in and you will look to the finish of it and you will say the same thing. "What a beautiful sight". And you will step over the obstacles because they won't be obstacles any longer but they will be a producing of things in your life that is good. *But having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers (aliens) and pilgrims (foreigners) on the earth.* You see this isn't my home because mine and yours also are in the spirit realm. Whether you believe this or not. God is the Father of ALL SPIRITS. Who would this leave out? NOBODY. He is our Father and we are returning to Him, every man goes in His own order. If we get our thinking involved in this and we think that there are some who should be where we think they should be then there is where there is a conflict with our Father. He knows what He is doing doesn't He? Then we don't have to worry about anyone because He has already got this thing taken care of. That includes everyone. There is no one that God doesn't love.

Vs 14 *Because they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country* (not 'a' country, but 'the' land of their nativity). When they say that they are foreigners or aliens of this land its saying "I'm not satisfied with worldly things". This cannot satisfy me nor can it satisfy you. A Son of God has to find his Father's place. What did Jesus say when he was twelve years old and he was separated from his parents when they went off for three days? He said, "I must be about my Father, whatever He's about that is what I've got to be. Wherever He is that is where I've got to be. In Revelation fourteen he says *that there were 144,000 that had their Father's name written in their forehead and wherever the lamb went they followed him.* We've got to understand that this is what God wants. We've got to go back to where we belong. I can't be satisfied with worldly things. I like worldly things. Come on now be honest, we like it. I like the pleasures we have. I like driving new vehicles. I like living in a nice home. I enjoy doing things, but this doesn't satisfy me permanently. It is only temporal. I want something more enduring than these things that I can see with my eyes. I want something that the Spirit gives me and there is life in that.

Vs 15 *And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.* How are you going to get back if you are not concerned with where you came from? You can't get back somewhere if you don't have a desire to go there. Didn't he tell Job 'weren't you there with me before the foundation when the morning stars sang together'?

Weren't you right there? Didn't He say that He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world? Don't you have a desire to go back and see what you had before? Can you imagine what God has got prepared for us? *Eye has not seen and ear has not heard what God has prepared for those who love Him.* But then read the next verse: *But God has revealed it to us by His Spirit.* If you just read Isaiah and don't go to Corinthians where Paul wrote and brought forth the revelation of it. "But God NOW HAS REVEALED it". We can see things now by His Spirit.

Vs 16 *But now they desire a better country.* Oh someone has got their eyes open and someone remembered who they were and it was revealed to them 'I am not a son of Adam; I am a Son of God'. You see God was before Adam and we came from God. You see they *desire a better country and that is a heavenly country: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: because he has prepared for them a city.* It is a heavenly thing, it is a spiritual thing. It is not saying that it won't be on this earth, but it is a spiritual thing and all the natural things will pass away.

Vs 17 *By faith Abraham, when he was tried (or tested), offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, (which was the promise).* He told Abraham that he would conceive a son. Abraham's name means, the father of a multitude, father of many nations. In the Jewish culture everyone's name had a meaning. Here was Abraham and his name meant 'father of multitudes' and he didn't have any children and he was ninety-nine years old. What do you think that he felt like? Don't you think he was ridiculed? He was made a promise, but when he was around ninety his faith dwindled and he created an Ishmael. Faith is not something that will pop up like a mushroom in your life. God is going to speak something to you and you are going to have to sit on it and do the hardest thing for humanity to do is to wait. God said, but He didn't say when. He told him that he was going to conceive a son and He walked away and left him standing there. And I can just see Abraham's mind shouting 'oh glory, I'm going to have a son!!! Hey Sarah, let's go see what we can do about that son, but it didn't work. It didn't come about for years, and more years and decades. And one day he started thinking, maybe God didn't mean it that way. I think we'll go down to Egypt, let's go back to the world and see if we can figure out a way to do this thing. Let's see if we can get a son created out of one of those Ishmaelite women, one of those Egyptian people. It was the woman who gave him this idea and it wasn't his wife, it was his soul. When we get back into our emotions and start thinking too much in that realm that is when we get deceived and then we go out and we build our own Ishmael. Do you know what? No one can say, 'oh I don't have an Ishmael'. We've all built something out of our own understanding

and that is all that Abraham did. He was trying to make God's word come to pass. God's word comes to pass when He says that it is time. He plants the seed and He gives the increase. You must wait on it. When it comes to pass you will know about it. You will be the first to know about it when He grows something up in your heart. Another thing I'll say about Isaac, when Abraham went to the mountain he took his son. Isaac carried the wood, the same as Jesus carried the cross. It was carried to the same mountain. The book says that he went to a land called Moriah. Do you know what mountain that Jesus was crucified on? Moriah. It was the same place and this is a parable. Abraham looked into the future three days off and he saw Jesus being crucified on the cross. So when he went up on the mountain God had already told him, 'this is the reality this is the shadow and the type and you are going to lay the pattern out for me and my Son will take care of that up there'. And what did it say a little later when Isaac said, 'father here is the wood and here is the knife for the sacrifice, but where is the sacrifice?' That is why Abraham could speak out of his spirit and say, 'God will provide HIMSELF the sacrifice', not a sacrifice; he will provide HIMSELF the sacrifice. Do you know why he said it? Because he saw it and that is what he said 'these having not received the promises saw them afar off', and Abraham saw the sacrifice afar off.

Vs 18 *Of whom it was said, that in Isaac shall your seed be called:* That was the promise, through Isaac the seed would be called.

Vs 19 *Accounting that God was able (or powerful enough) to raise him up even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.* This says 'figure' but in the language it says this 'whence he also received him as a parable'. Abraham knew what was going on. God showed him and in the language it tells you that this was a parable and it was telling you about Jesus going to the cross to die. Abraham knew what was going to happen. He knew his son wasn't going to die and even if he did he knew that God would raise him up. He wasn't worried about the flesh realm of it because he knew what the spirit said.

Vs 20 *By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.* He blessed both of them. Now in the religious realm that wouldn't happen because if they were called to bless in Isaac's place there would be a blessing on one and the other would be put in hell. Esau would be placed in hell because he wasn't the good guy. But what did Isaac do? He blessed both of them. He didn't leave out anyone. From the very beginning God restores or reconciles all things and that is His purpose and plan.

Vs 21 *By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.* It was a custom of the natural world

to only bless the first son and he blessed them both. God is blessing both seeds, just because it is in the natural does it mean that it's a spiritual blessing? You can have the natural blessing if you want it, but I want the spiritual. I want them both, but I want the spiritual first, the natural can come as it wants to. Whatever He wants that is what I want. But the most important thing is the spiritual blessing.

Vs 22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. Now by faith, when Joseph was dying, he remembered something. He didn't make mention of something, he remembered something. He remembered that they were not going to stay in the land of Egypt. This is a man who has a relationship with his Father and he knew what was going to happen. Ephesians 3:5 says, *I'll never do anything, but I'll reveal it to my holy apostles and prophets.* And God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is not letting anything slide by if we need to know that He is going to do something He will tell us about it. You see I don't have to go around prophesying to be a prophet. That is an Old Testament prophet and I don't want to get into that at this time. It said Joseph remembered the departing of the children of Israel and gave commandment concerning his bones. Joseph didn't even want his bones to stay in Egypt.

Vs 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months by his parents, in the language this doesn't say 'parents' it says 'he was hidden by his 'pater' (pat-ayr') which means father. You see we might see that he was hidden by his natural parents, but whose plan was it that he be hid? His Father, God. God hid him through his parents. He used his parents, but God's idea was to hide him. *Because he knew that he was a beautiful child; and he wasn't afraid of the king's commandment.* This is speaking about God here.

Vs 24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years (or fully grown), refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Vs 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to (fully) enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. (Literally, for that occasion only). You see sin is for the occasion only. If I do something wrong such as stealing money, that pleasure of stealing that money would only be for a season, because you see it would not do me any good unless I spent it. So once it was gone it wouldn't be a pleasure anymore. So sin is only for a season, a small time, or for that occasion only. Moses chose that it was not worthy to be compared with what was coming in the spirit realm.

Vs 26 *Esteeming (or considering) the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt:* Egypt represents duality. You see if I want to play the church realm in duality and say, 'hey I'm a good guy, but I'm still going to live like the world' then I am yet in Egypt. And those treasures of Egypt cannot be compared even to the reproaches of Christ. The things you have to go through are as He did, If you don't suffer with Him you'll not reign with Him. The things that you go through are of a greater value than what the world can give us. *Because he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.* Literally it says he was looking steadfastly to the reward. He wasn't concerned with what was happening to him. I have said, look to the destination and don't look at the obstacles in your way, and that is what he was doing. He was no longer looking at the obstacles through Egypt and all the tough things that they were going to put on him, but he was looking for the recompense of the reward. He said there it is over there and I don't care what lies between because that is where it is and that is where I'm going. It didn't matter about going over mountains, deserts, or through rivers, he could see it. When God shows you what that destination is you can't do anything else.

Vs 27 *By faith he forsook (or left behind duality) Egypt.* How are you going to leave Egypt behind? By faith, you have to believe what God says; don't believe what your eyes tell you. Don't believe what your five senses tell you. Don't believe what your woman, and I'm not speaking about your natural woman. I am speaking about your woman inside, your senses, your soulish realm. Taste, touch, hear, smell, and sight. Don't believe it because it isn't real. The only real thing is God in Spirit. *Not fearing the wrath of the king (that is natural things): for he endured, by seeing the one who is invisible.* How did he endure? He saw the one. It was just like Abraham who looked afar off and saw the one on the tree that is how he endured. How are you going to endure? By seeing the one there that is invisible. He is only invisible to the ones who are not yet birthed. He is real, they just don't see him.

Vs 28 *Through faith he kept (prepared) the Passover, and the sprinkling (pouring) of the blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.* Do you know what this tells me? He was faithful to do what God told him and he didn't do it for his own reasoning, he knew where he was going. That is first fruit, but he only did it for the ones coming after him so that God would not touch them because at that time they could not see God and live. The preparations had not yet been made. All Abraham did was to continue the parable, the shadow and type, until the reality of what he saw afar off came to existence. That is all he did. He was keeping everyone else covered. What is the Son's supposed to do? Jesus was not the

condemner of the world he was the savior of the world. By the scripture, ‘Today a savior is born to the world, not a condemner’.

Vs 29 *By faith they crossed the Red sea (Adam or humanity)*. You cross through the Red sea by faith. How many times does God have to say, BY FAITH, BY FAITH, BY FAITH, BY FAITH? I could speak this all day long. Can you hear it? You have got to hear it in your own heart. The only way that you are crossing the Red sea is by faith. The only way that you are righteous is by faith. Faith comes from hearing the word of God, and that means you have to believe what He said. There is the key. People say, ‘oh I believe’, but you believe things that God didn’t say, you believe what people say. You have got to believe what God says. They crossed the Red sea as by dry land; they crossed over with no problem because God had parted it. *Which the Egyptians (people of duality) attempted to do and they were drowned*. I Peter 3:20 *there were eight souls saved as by water*. What happened to the rest of them? They were drowned (by water). The same water that brings you to life will bring others to death because it is not yet their time. And when we try to do it any other way other than by faith we will end up as those Egyptians did. We can’t cross the sea of humanity without faith in God.

Vs 30 *By faith the walls of Jericho (a place of fragrance)*. Jericho represents you and there is a big wall around you called flesh and humanity and until faith comes to tear that wall down you can’t get to that place of fragrance which is in the center of you. There is the Holy of Holies, it is within you. All of these things are parables that God tells us over and over again. God says, ‘You’ve got to believe what I tell you, by faith you can do everything’. *The walls of Jericho fell down after they were compassed about seven days*.

Vs 31 *By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, because she had received the spies in peace*. She believed what God’s men were and that is how she was saved.

Vs 32 *And what shall I say more? Because the time would fail me (or be insufficient for me) to fully relate of Gedeon (his name means the cutter down), and of Barak (meaning lightening), and of Samson (like the sun), and of Japheth (whom God sets free); of David (beloved of God) also, and Samuel (his name is of God), and of the prophets: He is saying, ‘I don’t have time to tell you about all of this. I would have to write another book.’*

Vs 33 *Through faith subdued kingdoms*. He is telling you of all the works these people have done. *They subdued kingdoms, they labored in righteousness* (and that is because they had faith. With no faith they could not have labored in

righteousness.) *They obtained promises, they stopped the mouths of lions,* The word 'lions' represents your mind. In I Peter 5:8 it says; *your adversary the devil walks around as a roaring lion.* They stopped the mouths of the carnal mind by faith. You are not going to stop your carnal talking until you get the faith of God in your heart that over rides the natural thinking process. You have to take control of this thing. You have to know that you have power over all the power of the enemy. You tread on serpents and scorpions, demons, devils and lions, or whatever and they have no hurt upon you. They can't hurt you and if you don't believe that you will never do it.

Vs 34 *They quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword,* out of weakness were made strong, they became strong and mighty in warfare, they turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Vs 35 *Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tormented or beat to death, not accepting deliverance; in order that they might obtain a better resurrection:* Sometimes the violence comes to the Sons of God, but they know that the only way to get to the better resurrection is to receive what God gave. Did it say any of those people fought back when they being tortured or killed? There are your martyrs, they never fought. If you lose a battle and die in it, that is not being a martyr. A martyr is as Jesus was, as a mute lamb he went to the slaughter. You can't fight back and that wasn't in his nature. Only then can you receive the 'better resurrection'.

Vs 36 *And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yes, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:*

Vs 37 *They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, (literally sawn into two pieces).* Isaiah was placed in a hollow tree and while they looked upon him they sawed him through the gut. You think you've suffered? This man was placed in a hollow tree and a saw ripped through his flesh and cut him in two. We don't know what suffering is. We are spoiled rotten in this America that is called the church. It is too much, too much for our flesh to endure. *They were tempted, were slain (or put into death by murder)with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins;* they were in the beast nature some were good and some were bad. Some had good things happen to them and some had bad things happen, but they all died. *They wandered about being destitute, afflicted, and tormented;* Does that sound like the way you would want to live? If you are walking in God's way you will. You can be sitting in a room of five hundred people and feel like you are the only one in the room. They don't see you. They don't know you are there. You see they don't know you because you are an alien in the land. You are a sojourner.

You are just traveling through. This is not our home it is only temporary. There is something much, much better.

Vs 38 (*Of whom the world was not worthy* :) You see the world (the orderly arrangement of things), the mind of humanity is not worthy of these people that suffered these things that he desired them to do. They are not worthy of that. *They wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves in the earth.*

Vs 39 *And these all, having obtained (given) a good report thorough faith, received not the promise:* The word ‘obtained’ here should be given. They gave a good report. How did they give a good report? Through their lifestyle. They lived what God told them. If Noah had no good report to give he would not have built the ark would he? Everyone of these men and women listed in this chapter did what they were told. What do you have to do? Not what the preacher tells you, but what God speaks to you. There is a problem because everyone wants to do what the preacher says for you to do. Ask God He has the answer. Now it states *that even those given a good report through faith, received not the promise.* Even though they had faith and believed what God said they didn’t get what He told them He was going to give them. Now does that mean that they didn’t get it? He didn’t say when did He? So it is not important about this natural life or whether I live or die and receive what God said. One of the greatest things He spoke to me was ‘now you are a son destined to reign’. So things that happen to me don’t make a difference because I know that I am a son, and I am only a son because He said so. He said I was destined to reign and it is not because of what I want to do it is because of what He said and I heard it. No one can take that from me.

Vs 40 *God having provided some better thing for us, in order that they without us can not be made perfect(or complete).* So I don’t care where Abraham passed through or about all these great men and women that this chapter spoke of, because they are not complete without us getting there first. So what is everyone in a big hurry about. Why does everybody want to fly away? You can fly all you want to, but until it is Gods time it will not be made complete. You see I am waiting for God’s time, I’m not trying to make something premature. I want what God wants, when He wants it and I am satisfied to that point. All you have to do is what Father wants you to do, and you cannot do it by anything but faith. You can’t love God because you want to. You can only love God because of the faith that He puts in you heart to love Him. You can’t accomplish anything without God first placing that in you, and the only way that it’s going to get in you is to hear the word of God. That is not the end of it, get in the book and find it out for yourself. You and God have to work it out together. If you want to be an overcoming son, if you

want to be one of them that are waiting to fulfill like the ones spoke of that received the great report that they received from God (they are waiting to be fulfilled by sons of God). The average Joe isn't going to fulfill them are they? He is waiting for the sons to stand up. Romans 8 says *that all of creation is waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God*. When are we going to do it? All you have to do is agree with God. You aren't doing the work anyway, He is. In the Old Testament it was yea or nay and in the New Testament it is yea or amen. All it is saying is: "Yes you are right, what ever you say, I am going with you Father."

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