

3-9-2025 Sunday Sermon Message
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Hebrews 11:6
Title: **Faith That Pleases God**

The Bible speaks of faith pleasing to God, that by believing the gospel of Christ, the soul is saved and the spirit is born again:

**"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. She was saved by grace through faith, and this is not from you, but the gift of God. not of works, that no one should boast.(Ephesians 2:8-9)**

Christians who are saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are to live by faith in God, who rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

The Bible testifies through Abraham, the father of faith, that Christians today should live diligently with a certain kind of faith. God said to Abram:

**"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. of the earth will be blessed."(Genesis 12:1-3)**

The Bible testifies of Abram's obedience to God's Word at this time:

"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. " (Hebrews 11:8).

He didn't know where he was going, he not doubted in his own mind, and he left without asking God. When a believer in God's word is given, he must obey what God says unconditionally, without questioning or questioning it based on his own thoughts or beliefs. This is faith in God,

Many years later, the word of the Lord spoke to Abraham in a vision. While He had not yet given Him a seed, He said to Him again:

"And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. I took him outside and said, 'Now look up at the .(Genesis 15:5)

The Bible says that Abram believed in the Lord at this time, and the Lord counted it as righteousness to him. The Bible testifies of how his faith was pleasing to God:

"Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be."(Romans 4:18)

The Bible testifies in greater detail about how his faith was pleasing to God:

**" And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:
20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.
22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.**

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”Romans 4:19-25)

After Isaac grew up and grew to maturity, God spoke to Abraham to test him:

"And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.”(Genesis 22:1-2)

Abraham got up early the next morning, saddled his donkey, took two of the young men who were with him, and Isaac his son, and took the wood for the burnt offering, and got up and went to the place that God had told him. Abraham took wood for the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took fire and sword in his hand, and the two went together.

God used the conversation between Abraham and Isaac to prophesy of what was to come:

" And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.”(Genesis 22:7-8)

Through the mouth of Abraham, the Holy Spirit prophesied that Jesus, the Lamb of God,

who would appear in the world to take away the sin of the world, would become a sacrifice through His death on the cross. And Abraham built an altar, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and placed him on the tree of the altar, and Abraham stretched out his hand to kill Isaac his son, and the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, saying:

"Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. Do not put your hand on the child, and do nothing to him. .(Genesis 22:12)

The Holy Spirit testifies of Abraham's obedience to God's Word at this time:

"Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.”Hebrews 11:19)

The Bible says, **"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.”(Galatians 3:7).**

When Abraham earnestly believed in God and sought Him to the end, he was rewarded as the father of many nations according to God's word.

In the same way, Christians who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and become God's children and become children of Abraham must glorify God by faithfully doing what He gives them until the day He comes, and then run in the hope that they will be rewarded with the crown prepared by Christ at the judgment seat. Amen! Hallelujah!