

ABRAHAM'S FAITH *HE LOOKED FOR A CITY*

Introduction

- 1) **Hebrews 11:10** – Abraham “looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God” (KJV, ASV)
 - a) Abraham “was looking for” (NASV), “was looking forward to” (ESV, NIV), “waited for” (NKJV) a city
- 2) His **HOPE** for a city was a part of his life of obedient **FAITH** that pleased God (vv. 8-10, 6)
 - a) By faith, Abraham went out, sojourned, and looked – what are we looking for?

I) **ABRAHAM PATIENTLY ENDURED**

- A) He was looking for that city with full and complete expectation (trusting in God)
 - 1) Did not harbor doubts about the things of God (Rom. 4:13-25)
- B) Trusted God even beyond this life (Heb. 11:13; Rev. 14:13)

II) **ABRAHAM LED OTHERS IN FAITH AND HOPE**

- A) Wife Sarah, son Isaac, and grandson Jacob followed in His faith
 - 1) He lived an obedient life before all (Heb. 11:17-18; Jas.2:21-24)
- B) We must learn to imitate the faith of those who endured (Heb. 6:11-19)
 - 1) Will others see our faith and hope as something to imitate?

III) **ABRAHAM DESIRED SOMETHING BETTER**

- A) This city has foundations – permanent, eternal, immovable (Heb. 12:28, 22)
 - 1) No more sojourning in temporary dwellings (Heb. 13:14)
- B) This city was built and made by God – prepared perfectly in every way (Matt. 25:34)
 - 1) Not a corruptible earthly city, but heavenly (Heb. 11:14-16; 1 Pet. 1:4)
- C) A clean, pure, and safe city (Rev. 22:14-15)
 - 1) No evil will invade where God rules (Rev. 20:8-9)!
- D) Abraham was convinced God could provide him something **better** (Heb. 11:39-40)

IV) **ARE WE LOOKING FOR THAT CITY?**

- A) Our hope and promise are not in this life – we seek a heavenly home of the soul
 - 1) The Christian is a pilgrim and sojourner (1 Pet. 1:1, 17; 2:11)
 - a) Gk. *parepidemos* – residing in a strange place, a foreigner, sojourner; not at home
 - 2) God’s word is the guidebook for our pilgrimage and sojourn to His eternal city (Psa. 119:19, 54)

Conclusion

Abraham was sustained daily by his hope in the city of God. He waited for it – he looked forward to it. Do we look forward to being with Abraham and the faithful in that eternal home (Matt. 8:11)?