

HEROES OF FAITH

Part Five: Abraham and Sarah's Pleasing Parenting

Text: Heb. 11:11-12, 17-19

- The faith of Abraham and Sarah concerning the gift of their son:
- I. BY FAITH, SARAH _____ A SON FROM GOD (vs. 11-12).**
- A. Sarah's Difficulty (vs. 11)**
- She had no _____ and was "past age" for childbearing.
- B. Sarah's _____ (vs. 11)**
- "Judge" = _____, esteem, reckon, regard.
- She made a _____ to believe God could and would keep His Word.
- Application: When struggling with faith:
 - Ask yourself, "Is anything too _____ for the Lord?"
 - Get more of God's _____ into you (Rom. 10:17).
 - Meditate on God's promises and judge God to be _____.
- C. Sarah's Delivery (vs. 12)**
- Gen. 21:1-7: After Sarah gave birth, she _____ again, but this time in faith, joy, and praise to God for His wonderful gift of a son.
- Application: It's a whole lot better to laugh _____ God than at Him (Rom. 15:13).
- II. BY FAITH, ABRAHAM _____ HIS SON TO GOD (vs. 17-19).**
- D. The Trial of Abraham (vs. 17a)**
- "Tried" = _____, subjected to a difficult trial to test his faith.
- Gen. 22:1-2:
 - "Tempt" = put to the test.
 - "Only son" = only son of the promise, only son given miraculously by God through his wife Sarah, his only heir, and the only son he presently had.
 - "The son thou lovest" = his _____ gift from God.
- Type fulfilled: God required the same kind of priceless _____ from Himself that He required from Abraham (John 3:16).
- E. The _____ of Abraham (vs. 17)**
- His faith shone out like gold in the fires of testing because he _____ what God told him to do (2x, "offered up" his son).
- Gen. 22:3-10:
 - Abraham got up early in the morning and obeyed God to the letter.
 - _____ also willingly obeyed his father.
 - "My son" = Isaac was to serve as the offering.

- Type fulfilled: Jesus willingly carried the burden of our _____ and allowed Himself to be bound to the cross (Rom. 5:8).
 - Like Abraham and Isaac walking together up the mountain, God the Father and God the Son made their sacrifice _____, in perfect harmony (Isa. 53:10).
- F. The Faith of Abraham (vs. 18-19a)**
- The way Abraham reconciled God's promise with God's requirement was to conclude that God would _____ Isaac from the dead.
- Gen. 22:5: "I and the lad will come again to you."
- G. The _____ of Abraham (vs. 19b)**
- Although Isaac didn't actually die, it was as if Abraham received him back from the dead because he was spared from death.
- Gen. 22:8:
 - Abraham wasn't thinking there would be another _____ waiting for them at top of the mountain to take Isaac's place; he was informing Isaac that he was to be the sacrifice.
- Gen. 22:11-14:
 - God spoke prophetically through Abraham about the future sacrifice of Christ on the _____.
 - "Jehovah-Jireh" = the Lord will provide = "to be continued."
- Type fulfilled: Although no lamb died on Mt. Moriah during Abraham's visit there, many years later, God's Lamb was _____ on the mount of crucifixion (John 1:29).

CONCLUSION

- The right way for parents to think about and to raise their children:
 - Your child is a _____ to you from God.
 - Your child is a gift that _____ to God (Ezek. 18:4).
 - Therefore, you should _____ your child to God.
- Consider: In giving your child back to God, God is not asking any more from you than He has done Himself by giving His _____ for us.