

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

The Witness of Abraham, Sarah, and the Patriarchs

Hebrews 11:8-22

1. Abraham (Heb. 11:8-10, 17-19)
 - A. The Biblical Account of Abraham's Life (Gen. 11:26-25:11)
 - B. He is Specifically Commended
 - I. for Living in Unrealized Expectation
 - II. for Offering Up Isaac (Gen. 22:10-12; James 2:21)
 - C. He is Elsewhere Given as the Example of Saving Faith (Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:3, 20-22; Gal. 3:6; Ja. 2:23)
 - D. His Failings are Significant and Not Hidden
 - I. Claiming Sarah as Sister and Not Wife (Gen. 12:10-20; 20:1-18)
 - II. Hagar and Not Trusting or Seeking God (Gen. 16:1-6)
2. Sarah (Heb. 11:11-12)
 - A. The Biblical Account of Sarah's Life (Gen. 11:29-23:20)
 - B. She is Specifically Commended for Believing She Would Bear a Son (Gen. 18:9-15)
 - C. Her Failings are Not Hidden (Gen. 16:1-6; 21:9-10)
3. "All These" (Heb. 11:13-16)
 - A. The Patriarchs are Being Commended (vs.8-9)
 - B. They are Specifically Commended for Seeking a Heavenly Home