



THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 12-25, Message 39

In our last two studies from Genesis we focused on the character of _____. We learned that he was the father of the Jewish race and a man of faith. He is also the earthly progenitor of the lineage of Christ and the spiritual father of _____ that believe—both Jew and Gentile. Perhaps the most comforting points so far have been that Abraham was a real person just like us; he had his ups and downs, his victories and his _____. He was also the recipient of the promises of God concerning the yet future nation of Israel, promises that are still in effect today, promises that can either _____ us or curse us. Overall, the Bible speaks much about Abraham and although our subject is introduced in Genesis, we will shift ahead to Hebrews 11 and view God's personal commentary on this great man of faith.

ABRAHAM – HIS LIFE, HIS WIFE, HIS STRIFE

1. His life – Hebrews 11:8-10

- He _____ – verse 8

- He _____ – verse 9
 - Sojourn – A _____ residence, as that of a traveler in a foreign land. To dwell or live in a place as a temporary resident, or as a stranger, not considering the place as his permanent habitation.

- He _____ for a city – verse 10

2. His wife – Hebrews 11:11-12

- She judged God _____
 - Even though she was _____ childbearing age

 - Even though her husband was as good as _____

3. His strife – Hebrews 11:13-16

- Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all _____ without seeing the fulfillment of God's promises

- Their faith allowed them to see something that was _____ there
 - They looked afar off for God's promises

 - And were persuaded of them

 - And embraced them

 - And confessed that they were pilgrims and strangers on the earth

 - For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country*

 - They did not look back to their past, unless it was used to strengthen them

 - The desire of their heart was for a better place in _____ with God...