He Was Looking For The City Whose Builder & Maker Is God

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INTRODUCTION

- Abraham stands out as the father of all that believe, and so designated in Romans chapter 4 and verse 11.
- I want you this morning to think in terms as if you were to walk with him. How would it really be?
- When we really have that destination in our hearts and minds, no matter what the test may be for our faith, we too can say, as we just were singing, it is well with my soul.

1 He Went Out Not Knowing Where He Was Going

Hebrews 11:8–10; Acts 7:2–5

- By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- He was living in tents, dwelling as an alien among these people. And yet he was there because God had asked him to go.
- God gave him no inheritance in it. Not even enough to set his foot on.
- Even when he got there, he would say he was like a stranger, as an alien and an outsider in the place where he was going.

2 Father of Many Nations, But No Children

Genesis 12:1–3; Hebrews 11:11–12; Romans 4:18–21

- I will make you a great nation. I will bless you. And make your name great, and you shall be a blessing.
- When that promise was made to Abraham 75, and Sarah would have to be 65. And they had no children.
- He was a hundred years old before Isaac was born. Sarah was 90.
- Who, contrary to hope, in hope, believed.
- He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what he had promised, he was also able to perform.
- Abraham died only having two grandsons, Jacob and Esau.

3 God Asked Him to Offer His Son as a Sacrifice

Hebrews 11:17–19; Genesis 22:1–12; James 2:20–24

- Concluding that God was able to raise him up even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.
- It took them two to three days at least to travel to Mount Moriah.
- My son, God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering.
- Why would he do this? Number one, because he believed God would provide.

- Was not Abraham our Father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?
- Saving faith is an act of faith. Faith that saves is a faith that obeys.

4 Looking for the City Whose Builder and Maker Is God

Hebrews 11:13–16; Philippians 3:20

- Abraham was every bit of human being like you and I. And yet he was able to do it because he was looking for the city, whose builder and maker is God.
- These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, were assured of them, embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
- Instead of being citizens of earth striving for heaven, our citizenship is in heaven. And we're sojourners on earth.
- I often say, remember who you are and where you're going.
- He could have returned, but he didn't. He kept moving forward.
- Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Think about yourself. Is God ashamed to be called your God? May it not be so.**

MY NOTES