

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

THEME - JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.  
A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 11:17-19

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## THE HISTORY OF FAITH – PART 3

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.  
In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the Law, being the centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

rest, hope, promises, oaths, immutability, blessings. Gods' faithfulness.

### Hebrews 11:17-19

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**We are having some fun with this title that we've given to this great chapter of the bible – the faith chapter!**

## This Section Began Back at Verse 8

### Hebrews 11:8

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.

**Last Time We Saw That;**

**THE HISTORY OF FAITH** Is Anything But Stagnate.

1.) Faith thinks about the future

vs. 13

2.) Faith acts into the future

vs. 14

3.) Faith moves based on the future

vs. 15

4.) Faith plans for the future

vs. 16

5.) Faith rests upon the future

vs. 16

### **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." **10** BUT God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

### **The History of Faith**

**Actually, means that History is what was & Faith is what will be – and the two cannot be separated.**

**In the Context of the Believer's Life, (1) History is what was lived out for God and for His glory. (2) History is what we experienced with God as we lived in this world. (3) History will one day be our glorious testimony. (report card)**

### **2 Corinthians 5:6-11a**

So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. **7** For we walk by faith, not by sight. **8** We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. **9** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. **11** Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;

## **THE HISTORY OF FAITH**

6.) Faith endures looking to the future

vs. 17

### **Hebrews 11:17**

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Look at what is being said & consider this;  
the words “By” and the word “When” are actives.

**Tested** grk: peirazo  
to make proof of, to attempt, test, to expose to testing, to try as in a fire or under pressure. *ie. the making of a diamond or a pearl.*

**Hebrews 11:13**

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.

**James 1:2-7**

**My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.**

**Matthew 5:3**

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

It is God’s design that we own nothing on earth but Him.

There is a blessedness to the realization that the Christian really doesn’t own anything of this world – rather the Christian uses everything for God’s glory and will.

**Genesis 1:26**

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion (stewardship, tending to, management) over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

**“Never let God’s gifts and good things take the place of God Himself. Everything good should cause us to run to Him and say – thank you!”**

The Blessedness of Owning Nothing – Yet Abraham was financially rich beyond the men of earth.  
He had everything – but possessed nothing and nothing He has possessed him – but God alone!

So How Was Abraham Tested ?  
(Tozer's book – *The Pursuit of God*)

Offered grk: pro'sphe'ro  
to bring to, to make an offering, the presenting (Romans 12:1-2) of that which is of great worth, meaning, purpose or value

This is a huge stumbling Block to Many -  
Those who reject the Scriptures, The Holy Bible.

**1 John 4:9-10**

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

**Titus 3:4**

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

**Philippians 2:7**

But He made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

In 325 A.D. The Nicene Creed was declared to make it clear that Jesus Christ was God in light of attacks upon His deity.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father, Light of light, Very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate and was made man; He suffered, and the third day He rose again, ascended into heaven, He shall come to judge both the quick and the dead; and in the Holy Spirit.

Nicene Creed - Original Version from 325 A.D.

**Begotten** grk: mono'ge'nes  
**monos** meaning singularly one, exclusively the one and only one. there is no other.  
only begotten. and **ge'nes** meaning to be sent, presented, gifted or provided. (the  
word demands that there are no others able to rival nor replace nor stand in the  
place of)

he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

This “**Only Begotten Son**” is no mistake or grammatical error  
on the part of the Apostle here. This is most deliberate for sure!

## And Immediately

Your mind goes directly to where? – where it should go?

### John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him  
should not perish but have everlasting life.

“**Begotten**” is Exclusively reserved for Jesus Christ – God seen Incarnate

### John 1:1-3,10a,14

In the beginning (the physical creation) was (pre-existing) the Word, and the Word was with  
God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made  
through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **10a** He was in the world,  
and the world was made through Him, **14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Regarding Abraham –

Who can fathom what was going on in his heart and mind  
when the directive was given to him -

## THE HISTORY OF FAITH

7.) Faith speaks hope into the future

vs. 18

### Hebrews 11:18

of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,”

## **A Remarkable Truth is Before Us.**

This “Your Seed” is an amazing insight into how the word of God works.

“In Isaac”

This is the promise made by God to Abraham  
back in Genesis Chapters 17 & 21

**When God speaks, He leaves it with us to cope.  
His plan will be accomplished with or without us – He is never limited  
by the weaknesses of man, nor man’s “strengths”.**

### **Hosea 3:5**

Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king.  
They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the Latter Days.

## Faith Speaking Hope Like This...

### **Joshua 1:9**

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be  
dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go.”

### **Psalms 33:11**

The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.

### **Lamentations 3:26**

*It is good that one should hope and wait quietly For the salvation of the LORD.*

### **Job 23:13**

“But He *is* unique, and who can make Him change? And *whatever* His soul desires, *that* He  
does.

### **Isaiah 55:8-9**

“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD. 9 “For  
*as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My  
thoughts than your thoughts.

Q&A

Who was Abraham married to?

Sarah.

Q&A

To whom did God make a promise to provide a son?  
Abraham & Sarah

Q&A

To whom was an everlasting covenant promised & executed?  
Abraham

**In Biblical Typology –  
Isaac in many ways is a type of Jesus Christ.**

1. Isaac was prophesied to come.
2. Isaac was the promised son.
3. Isaac was of a miraculous conception.
4. Isaac was for a divine calling.
5. Isaac willingly laid down his life at his father's invitation.
6. Isaac was in agreement with his father.
7. Isaac carried His own wood to his own sacrifice.
8. Isaac didn't say no, nor did he resist his father's plan.
9. Isaac was offered up on Mount Moriah.
10. Isaac was dead for 3 days to Abraham.

## **THE HISTORY OF FAITH**

8.) Faith takes the impossible into the future

vs. 19

### **Hebrews 11:19**

Concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

**When All Else Fails – It is God!  
It is God! – Before all Else Fails!**

**Concluding**

grk: logizomai

to reckon, to consider, to count, to count and to determine the amount or value.

**Received**

grk: komizo

To take or to bear, to carry, having brought to and the receiving of.

## Figurative

grk: parable

to place or to set beside another in comparison, to put an idea, thought, proverb, type, alongside the original. to symbolize often in a prescient manner.

### Deuteronomy 31:8

And the LORD, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

### Deuteronomy 9:1-3

“Hear, O Israel: You *are* to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, **2** a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you know, and *of whom* you heard *it said*, “Who can stand before the descendants of Anak?’ **3** Therefore understand today that the LORD your God *is* He who goes over before you *as* a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the LORD has said to you.

### Mark 16:6-7

But he (the angel) said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. **7** But go, tell His disciples - - and Peter - - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.”

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