

The Promise: Faith's Realization

Hebrews 11:13-16

SERMON INTRODUCTION:

- Read **Hebrews 10:39-11:12**

- I. Faith is Realized at Death (v.13) - Mindset**
 - A. Dying in faith**
 1. Abraham's family, most specifically (**vv. 8-12**)
 2. Having believed God's promises

 - B. Dying empty handed**
 1. **Hebrews 11:39-40**
 2. **Matthew 13:17**

 - C. Dying as strangers**
 1. Acknowledgement of earthly estrangement is key to seeing our future home
 2. You don't care what you have left in your hands if your eyes are filled with beholding what delights you most
 - a) Seen & Greeted
 - b) Greeted means to welcome with happiness
 - c) **John 8:56**

II. Faith is Realized in Life (vv.14-16) - Practical

- A. The Life of a Sojourner -- Your greatest reality reveals your faith (vv.14-15)**
 1. To put it another way, faith's substance becomes your greatest reality
 2. Your speech
 3. Your sight
 4. Your action
 - a) Abraham and family
 - b) Could have returned to Haran
 - c) **Hebrews 10:39**

- B. The Love of a Sojourner -- Your passion reveals God's passion for you (v.16)**
 1. Faithful interaction...
 - a) Faith and faithfulness are inseparable.
 - b) Remember **v.6**
 2. God's Pleasure in His own
 - a) **Hebrews 2:10-11**
 - b) To hear "well done"? To know that God takes pleasure to say, "I am your God!"
 - c) **2 Corinthians 1:20-21**
 - d) This is why we can joyfully look forward to that exhortation & charge in **Hebrews 12:1-2...**

CONCLUSION:

- Have Abraham's mindset...
 - You must reckon yourself a stranger in this world and to this world.
 - Look to the coming Kingdom
- Have Abraham's practice...
 - When you have opportunity to run back to self-righteous religious practice or worldly habits, remember how foreign this place is.
 - Live for God's pleasure...in faith.
 - Store up treasures in heaven... **Matthew 6:19-24**
 - Practically speaking, the Word of God & Prayer