

# Hebrews 11:7-40

## LESSON 22

### *The Good Report of Faith*

#### 1. Introduction

- a. Hebrews 11 is an instruction on how Hebrews obtain a good report
- b. We can learn from Heb 11, but are not in the Hebrews' class - Rom 15:4, Phil 4:8
- c. Their "faith" and dispensational context is very different than ours today
- d. We don't have time to go through every example – Heb 11:32
- e. Heb 11 is intended to encourage the remnant by the report of Israel's true elders
- f. That the Bible is filled with accounts of the weak and persecuted few is miraculous

#### 2. Hebrews 11:1-8 – Faith Perfected by Doing

- a. There is a need to perform by faith - Heb 4:12, 10:23-26, 13:16, 21
- b. After they do the will of God they receive the promise – Heb 10:36-39
- c. God rewards the diligent seekers – Heb 11:6, faith without works is dead – Jam 2:20
- d. By faith "Abel offered", "Enoch ...pleased", "Noah ...prepared", "Abraham... obeyed"
- e. By faith they spoke being dead, were not found, and did not see what they looked for

#### 3. Hebrews 11:9-22 – Hope of Better Things

- a. Hebrews is the book of Israel's better things, which the elders looked for
- b. Abraham sojourned in tabernacles... looking for a better city – Heb 13:14
- c. Sara "when she was past age" conceived from "him as good as dead"
- d. As "strangers and pilgrims" they all died in faith - Gen 23:4; 47:9; 48:21
- e. A better country from heaven to earth – Gen 28:17, Matt 6:10; Dan 2:44, Rev 21:2
- f. Abraham offered Isaac in whom the promise was to be fulfilled, believing resurrection
- g. Isaac literally could not see, and Genesis (the beginning) ends with Israel in a coffin!

#### 4. Hebrews 11:23-31 – Patient Enduring of Reproach

- a. Through faith and patience they will inherit the promises - Heb 6:12
- b. By faith "*not afraid of the king*", "*chose to suffer affliction*", "*the reproach of Christ*"
- c. Moses humbled himself to deliver Israel, "*not fearing*" "*for he endured*"
- d. Judgment upon those w/o faith, "*were drowned*" "*after seven days*", "*perished not*"

#### 5. Hebrews 11:32-40 – Better Things Received Through Faith

- a. Through faith and patience these men received victory from God - 11:33-35
- b. Others tortured, imprisoned, mocked, scourged, tormented, slain like the remnant
- c. "*better resurrection*" – a reminder of John 5:29-30 and Rev 20:5-6
- d. "*received not the promise*" – b/c it was not yet time, better things (NT) was needed
- e. "*without us should not be made perfect*" – 1 Peter 1:5-13, 4:14-17, 1 John 2:5, 4:17