

Faith Looks Forward

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From last week, to live “by faith”:

Worship God – like Abel

Walk with God – like Enoch

Work for God - like Noah, and

Wait on God – like Abraham...

¹¹ *By faith... Sarah*

Consider God to be Faithful – Do you understand that God loves you and wants you to know Him?

Psalm 103:8; Joel 2:13; I Tim 2:3-4

¹⁷ *By faith Abraham, (Gen 12, 16, 17, 21.... And 22)*

Consider God to have Power – Is it clear to you that God has the power to fulfill His promises?

²⁰ *By faith Isaac (Gen 27-28)*

²¹ *By faith Jacob (Gen 48)*

²² *By faith Joseph (Gen 50)*

²³ *By faith... Moses (Ex 2)*

The “negative side” of following God is worth more than the “positive side” of pursuing any other treasure.

Consider God’s “worst” to be better than the world’s “best” – Have you seen that what the world has to offer cannot compare with God’s promises?

²⁸ *By faith [Moses] (Exodus 5-12)*

Gideon, (Judges 6-8) – with 300 men, routed army of 135,000!

Barak, (Judges 4) – with 10,000 men destroyed the entire Canaanite army (including 900 iron chariots)!

Samson, (Judges 13-16) – single-handedly defeated 1000 men, and, at his death, destroyed 3000 of Philistia’s leadership.

Jephthah, (Judges 11) – led Israel to drive out the Amorites and drive back the Ammonites.

Summary of vs. 32-35? Many had great victories and blessings in this world as they demonstrated their faith in God’s promises.

Summary of vs. 35-38? Many faced great suffering and abuse at the hands of the world – even AS they demonstrated their faith in God’s promises.

Rom 8:18

In Faith, Look Forward!

- When we recognize God’s love and desire for us to have a relationship with Him...
- When we realize God has the power to do – and has done – all that is necessary for us to have that relationship...
- When we understand that the worst that we might face in this life is worth more than all the treasure and pleasure that the world can offer...

“...our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. 2 Cor 4:17

THEN, looking forward in FAITH, we will fully live by faith and please our God and Creator, bring Him glory and build His Kingdom.