



Hebrews Lesson 13 Chapter 11 Abraham

Since the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden, God has been directing history to reveal the seed of the woman that He would use to crush the head of Satan. After the tragic event of the murder of Abel, God raised up Seth to be the one who would further His righteousness program. Through the line of Seth, God raised up Noah who was the only man alive that even considered God and His plan for man. Though God destroyed all life because “every intent and thoughts of their heart were only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5), He preserved Noah and his sons to further the historical bloodline that would bring forth the Messiah. Genesis records the genealogy of each of those sons and focuses on the line of Shem (Genesis 11:10). Through the line of Shem the patriarch Abraham would be born, and through this man God would form the Jewish nation. Because of the

significance in the lineage of the coming Messiah and the covenant promises of God to Abraham’s family (Genesis 12 and 15), the writer of Hebrews will focus on Abraham’s faith journey and its vital part in the salvation story God is writing. To understand the superiority of Jesus as the final act of God’s plan, the author must paint a vivid picture of the people of faith throughout history that believed God was bringing a better hope that was leading them to the “...city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Hebrews 12:22). Faith is seeing something unseen by human eyes and living daily life in the hope of its fulfillment. Many had suffered but remained faithful because of that hope, and the author is encouraging these Hebrew believers to join that great cloud of witnesses.

REVIEW OF CHAPTER 11 NOAH

“Then God _____ to Noah and to his _____ with him, saying, ‘Now behold, I Myself do _____ My _____ with you and with your _____ after you; ...And I establish My covenant with you; and _____ shall never again be cut off by the _____ of the flood, _____ shall there again be a flood to _____ all the earth.’”
 Genesis 9:8,9,11

1. *According to Hebrews 11:7, what was the result of Noah's faith?*
2. *In all the things God had required of Noah, what do you think would have been the most difficult thing for him?*
3. *Why did God send the flood, and what does that tell you about the nature of sin that entered at the Garden? Genesis 6:5*

READ ALL OF HEBREWS 11:8-19

4. *What did Abraham's faith call him to do, and what did he have to believe about God in order to do it? 11:8-9*
5. *What other major faith events in Abraham's life does the author use as his example, and what did Abraham believe about God that enable him to do that? 11:17*
6. *In what ways was Abraham's faith inadequate? Read Genesis 12:10-29 and 20:1-18 and 16:1-6.*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
