



Hebrews Lesson 15 Chapter 11 Joseph

God's marvelous plan of redeeming the world was set in motion as soon as man fell in the Garden. Satan wanted to capture God's precious creation, but God was simply using him to reveal His grace and mercy and love to its fullest extent. Adam and Eve's sin put them in a mortal dilemma that they had no power to repair. Only God Himself had the power to set right what they had made so wrong and crush the head of the deceiving serpent. He would do that through the process of history that would culminate in a Redeemer that would be the ultimate fulfillment of the covenant promises He had made to all the Patriarchs. He would first create a nation to whom He would reveal Himself, and then He would use that nation to unveil His plan to the rest of the world. The people of faith in Hebrews chapter 11 all played a significant role in that plan. They believed God was going to do as He promised, and they clung to that reality even through the most difficult parts of their lives. Though God had made covenants and promises to Adam and Eve and Noah, Abraham was given the privilege of being the father of the Jewish

nation. He was promised a land and the offspring to fill that land, and in him all the nations of the world would be blessed. Abraham pleased God because He believed God even under impossible conditions. That faith was credited to him as righteousness. In Abraham's miracle son, Isaac, God would continue the process of redemption. Isaac's son Jacob would be the next to receive the covenant promises and through his twelve sons the nation of Israel would be established in the land. But there were other details that God had revealed to Abraham regarding the future events for His covenant people. "And God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. But I will judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions" Genesis 15:13. Jacob's son Joseph will be the key player in bringing God's promise to fulfillment. He will be the next hero of faith that trusts God in overwhelming circumstances.

REVIEW OF CHAPTER 11 ISAAC AND JACOB

"But the _____ of the Lord called him from _____, and said, '_____, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' And he said, 'Do not _____ out your hand _____ the lad, and do _____ to him; for now I know that you _____, since you have not _____ your _____, your _____ son, from _____.'" Genesis 22:11-12 NAS

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
