

# The Faith of Sarah

## I. Faith Requires Corresponding Action

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### James 1:22:

*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

### Romans 10:17:

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

We are to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, but once faith comes, we want to do something with it. So often we go to church, hear the Word, rejoice, and shout, but that is all we are doing. We become “fat” with the Word because all we are doing is taking it in and never putting it out. James says we are deceiving ourselves.

### James 1:23-24:

*For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:*

*For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.*

Faith without corresponding action is dead; it is barren and fruitless. There are many people in Word churches who never do anything with their faith. They love to hear and study the Word, but never do anything with it. What we do is just as much a witness as what we say. Therefore, we should live forth our faith.

When we ask someone to pray for us for healing, there should be corresponding actions. If you pray for your eyesight to be healed, remove your glasses to see if the manifestation is there yet. If not, put them back on a try again later. That is the corresponding action — believing that if you received your healing, the manifestation has to come. Believe you are healed and act like you are healed.

Hebrews 11 is not just talking about the hearing of faith; it is talking about what these people did with their faith that affected the world. What they did with their faith still moves us today. What you do with your faith affects generations after you. Like the blood of Abel, it still cries out today. The actions of your faith will cry out long past the time you are gone, and will actually move the world much more than if you had been a great leader on this earth. A person of faith does more than anyone else. Great people, such as Smith Wigglesworth and Martin Luther, were tremendous with their faith, and they still have an impact on us today. People continue to be healed by the messages they preached years ago and set free by the actions they performed and words they wrote.

The Book of Acts is called *Acts* for a reason. They received the Word under Jesus and as the Holy Spirit anointed them, they went out and put *actions* with their faith.

### **Hebrews 12:1:**

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*

We are an extension of the Old Testament heroes. We are to do things with our faith as they did back then. Not everyone did the same thing. They each heard from God as to what God wanted them to do and were obedient to the voice of God.

Their lifestyle was also a witness of what they had inside of them. Faith will come out in the form of confession and in the form of deeds.

### **Colossians 3:17:**

*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

The Word in us will produce a lifestyle, a conversation, before the world. There comes a time when our conversation and actions are so in line with God's Word that we take it for granted until we see someone else who does not speak or live God's Word. Then we see just how conspicuous we really are. First Peter 2:9 says we are a *peculiar people*. That doesn't mean *weird*! *Peculiar* means *unique*. We are *unique* in this earth, but the world thinks we are weird.

## **II. Sojourning as Abraham Did**

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Hebrews 11:8-9 talks about the faith of Abraham, the first of the patriarchs which include Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Abraham began the dispensation of promise, the Abrahamic Covenant.

### **Hebrews 11:8:**

*By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.*

The place he was called out of was Ur of the Chaldees, and the place he was called to was Canaan. It was partial obedience because God said to leave his kin, but he didn't — he took his father who actually slowed him down until he died in Haran nine years later. (See Genesis 11:31-32.) He then took Lot with him, who also slowed him down. (See Genesis 13:1-11.) After separating from Lot (Genesis 13:12), Abraham finally got to the promised land of Canaan and was moved by what he saw. He understood by God that it was a land flowing with milk and honey, but when he got there, he found out there was a drought in the land and wicked people were living there.

If you have ever been to Israel, you know it is nothing but rocks. If you want to farm, you have to move the rocks. The people have farms because they have moved the rocks off to the side. Seeing all the rocks made me understand the miracle in that country and how God is literally causing the desert to come forth like a rose.

Abraham followed the voice of God and went to a place he had never seen before.

### **Hebrews 11:9:**

*By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise.*

A *sojourner* is someone who is not a permanent resident. Abraham's outward manner of life was as a sojourner — a form of witness to the world.

Do you realize you literally blow people's minds when, as a believer, you give things away? The world has the idea of "grab on and hold on to things." Yet, a believer gives things away. The world can't understand it. Things in this life are wonderful and nice to have, but they are just earthly possessions. As Job said, "You came into this world without anything; you're going to leave without anything." While we are here, we are a protector of things God has given us. We are to see to it that they are funneled and channeled into the right direction to spread the gospel, which is the main reason we are in this earth today — to spread the gospel. If the wealth of this world comes to us by way of the sinner, we are not to hoard it because that is where the deceitfulness of riches enters in. We're not to turn from God to riches, but we're to worship the Lord, seek Him first, and all these things are added unto us. (See Matthew 6:33.) Our very lifestyle should show people we are not going to be here long. We don't have a tight hold on possessions. We have the possessions; the possessions don't have us.

Satan will always tell you, "Don't give your money into God's kingdom. Hold on to it for this or that." When we get to heaven, we won't be rewarded for how much we kept, we will be rewarded for how much we gave. God doesn't want us to give away everything and starve, but He wants us to learn to sow into His kingdom.

A man told me once, "I am giving and giving, knowing that every time I give, God gives back more. I'm going to eventually reach the place where I give God ninety percent and I'm going to keep ten percent; and the ten percent will be more than I know what to do with." When we give into God's kingdom, it comes back.

The real reason God gave us these things was for us to give and bless others. God told Abraham, "I'm going to bless you so you can be a blessing." (See Genesis 12:2.)

Even when Abraham got to Canaan, the land of promise, he sojourned. How? He lived in a tent. Abraham was rich in gold, silver, cattle, and possessions. He could have bought himself the finest home, but he didn't. He was a rich man living in a tent. So rich that his wealth and Lot's wealth were piling into each others and they had to separate to keep track of what wealth belonged to whom. It says Isaac and Jacob lived in tents even though they were in the land God promised would be theirs eternally. They showed the world that they were not going to live here forever.

## **Hebrews 11:10:**

*For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

He looked through the eye of faith for something else.

## **2 Corinthians 4:18:**

*While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

Abraham developed the eye of faith. He lived in a tent in this earth, but he looked for a city which had foundations. We can have a home in this earth with foundations under it, but those foundations will one day be destroyed. We should be looking for a city that is in the heavenlies. It has a foundation which will never be destroyed because it is eternal. Things which are in the spirit realm are more eternal than things that are in the natural realm because the spirit world was here before the natural world, and the spirit world will be here after this natural world is gone.

## **III. The City Abraham Saw Through the Eye of Faith**

### **Revelation 21:10-11:**

*And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*

*Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.*

This is the city Abraham looked for through the eye of faith. It is the same city we are going to. Abraham is already there. He had his opportunity while he was here and made a mark in this earth and on humanity. That is the same thing we are doing here today. We come to hear the Word of God because we're looking for a city. The world wonders why we go to church so much. It is because we are preparing ourselves for eternity, listening to the voice of God, and understanding things in the spirit realm. Eternity doesn't begin when we get to heaven. It started the moment we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior! The object of the Christian life is to learn as much in this life about eternal life so we won't have to go there and learn it. We can prepare for it now. We praise and worship the Lord here because

the Bible says that is what they do there. We come to church to get built up in the faith.

Do you realize there is no sun in heaven? Heaven is lit up by God's glory. There is going to come a day when heaven itself will come down and rest over the planet Earth, and we will have no need of the sun, the moon, or the stars. It will always be daytime. We will never sleep; we'll be just like God. We can go anywhere on this earth. We can go into the presence of God in heaven because heaven and earth will be together.

That same glory of God was shed on Saul as he traveled the road to Damascus. He was struck down by a blinding light. One of these days, we'll have a body that can take that light.

### **Revelation 21:12-16-27:**

*And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:*

*On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.*

*And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

*And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.*

*And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. [The city of heaven is 1500 miles long, 1500 miles wide, and 1500 miles high.]*

*And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.*

*And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. [Can you imagine an entire city made of transparent gold? Your mansion is made of transparent gold — you can see through it like glass.]*

*And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony [white agate]; the fourth, an emerald;*

*The fifth, sardonyx [onyx]; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite [a diamond]; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus [a carbuncle]; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.*

*And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. [God made one pearl for a whole gate.]*

*And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*

*And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

*And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.*

*And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.*

*And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.*

*And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

What a tremendous city to live in! I hope this begins to inspire in you the fact that we are sojourners in this earth. Your house may be very nice, but it doesn't begin to compare with what you have waiting for you in heaven. I don't care how much money we put in to cleaning up our city; it can't compare with the city like the one God lives in. This is why Abraham, as good as his possessions were on this earth, traveled as a sojourner. He decided to live in a tent as an outward witness to the world that he was only here for a short time. According to Hebrews 11:10, Abraham was looking for a city whose designer and builder was God.

### **Hebrews 11:14, 16:**

*For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.*

*But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.*

Abraham is our example. By our lifestyle, we can say the same thing: we look for a country.

God is pleased when we have things in this earth, but He is also pleased when our lifestyle shows we don't have a tight hold on these things. He is pleased when we openly declare to the world that we look for something better. Life may be good now, but it cannot compare with heaven. We may be prosperous in this current life, but even Solomon's and David's wealth and power were nothing compared to what God has prepared in heaven. Whatever God has blessed us with on Earth is simply a drop in the bucket compared to what eternity holds.

#### **IV. Call Those Things Which Be Not As Though They Were**

What the Word has to say about Sarah is tied directly to Abraham. It was because of Abraham's step of faith that eventually caused Sarah to also step out in faith. God did not just speak to Abraham; He also spoke to Sarah. Once God spoke to Abraham, Abraham also spoke to Sarah and they both had the promises of God. God promised both of them they would have a child which would foster two races under them: a natural race, as the sands of the sea; and a spiritual race, as the stars of heaven — both of them innumerable and both were to be powerful in this earth. (See Genesis 15:4-5; 22:17.) The nation of Israel is proven to be a powerful sign post of God's faithfulness in this earth.

God wants us to be followers of them who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises. Don't you like to follow successes? Too many people follow failures. You tell them what God wants to do and they are the first ones to say, "Yes, but my friend tried that and it didn't work." Why follow failures? We can learn what not to do from failures, but we should follow after successes.

#### **Romans 4:17:**

*As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

When God came to Abraham, He didn't say, "I'm going to..." He said, "I have..." God approaches you about things He considers settled and already done. First Peter 2:24 says, "With His stripes we *were* healed." Jesus already went to the cross and accomplished it for us. So, my friend, if you *were* healed, what are you doing sick? If He saved you, what are you

doing sinning? If God says it is done, then we need to call those things which be not as though they were already done.

Where did Abraham learn about his example of faith? He couldn't pick up the Bible and read about the heroes of faith. The Lord Jesus became Abraham's example. (See Galatians 3.) Jesus appeared to Abraham and became his example of faith. We can follow those around us, but we follow those who follow Christ. It is important to have leadership to look to, but leadership should point us to the ultimate source of all faith — the Lord Jesus Christ. That is why Hebrews 12 declares we are to look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. The heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 point us ultimately to Jesus.

When God created the earth, He said, "Light be!" and light was. He called those things which be not as though they were. It was dark, and He said, "Light." He didn't look out there and say, "Dark." Don't look at your body and say, "Sick." Look at your sick body and say, "Well." To look at your pocketbook and say, "Empty," is to simply declare what already exists. Call those things which be not as though they were and say, "Full." God gives seed to the sower. (See 2 Corinthians 9:10.)

Also notice that God changed Abram's name to Abraham. Abram was barren, so God called him the "father of many nations." (See Genesis 17:3-5.) Even his name was a spoken declaration of the promises of God. Calling those things which be not as though they were brings the supernatural into the natural. When the supernatural meets the natural, the natural will change, but the supernatural will not. One always affects the other — the supernatural will always change the natural.

### **Romans 4:18-20:**

*Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. [This is quoted from Genesis 15:5.]*

*And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb.*

*He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.*

Verse 19 is mistranslated. When we correctly translate this verse, it makes much more sense.

If we refer back to Genesis 17, the correct translations of Romans 4:19 reads like this: *And being not weak in faith, he considered his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old and the deadness of Sarah's womb; but he staggered not at the promise of God.*

When we stand in faith, do we ignore the circumstances? No. We don't ignore the circumstances, but we are not moved by them. Don't write a "faith" check and ignore your bank balance. Just because we believe God that we are prosperous, doesn't mean we can write checks that are going to bounce.

### **Genesis 17:15:**

*And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.*

*And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.*

*Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? And shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?*

Not only did Abraham consider his own body and Sarah's body, he laughed in his heart. But according to Romans, he was not weak in faith. He considered his body and Sarah's body, yet it did not move him because he had the promises of God.

We can look at our circumstances and not be moved away from faith. In fact, it only becomes more of a challenge to our faith to watch God change circumstances through our faith.

Faith grows from day to day through God's Word. The stronger our faith, the more glory God receives.

### **Romans 4:21:**

*And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

Becoming *fully persuaded* is a process; it doesn't happen overnight. Abraham became stronger in faith, giving more glory to God, until he

became *fully* persuaded that what God had promised, He was able to perform. *Strong faith* means *being fully persuaded that what God has promised, He is able also to perform*. If you believe that what God has promised, He is able also to perform; the Bible describes that as strong faith.

Anyone can sit in church and say, “I am fully persuaded.” But you find out if you’re truly fully persuaded in the trial — when you walk out and meet the devil head-on. Abraham met trial after trial and sometimes fell, gave up, and ran. But through it all, he became stronger and stronger in faith because he kept returning to God’s Word and to God’s promises.

## **V. Sarah’s Change of Attitude**

### **Hebrews 11:11:**

*Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*

Abraham was the one who stepped out in faith before Sarah, yet both of them had the promises of God. Looking back in Genesis 16, Sarah put Abraham with her handmaiden, Hagar, and Ishmael was born. At that time, Sarah was trying to help God, but she had the same promises Abraham had.

When God approached Abraham and told him he was going to have a son, Abraham could not have done it in the natural because his body was dead. Sarah’s womb was dead. Both were very old. However, Abraham believed immediately and his body was changed — *he staggered not at the promise of God*. The moment he believed God, he was capable of producing a child. If Sarah had done the same thing, she would have been capable of producing a child. Yet, she was in such bitterness and resentment. *Sarai* means *contentious*. She was contentious against God and against Abraham because her womb was closed. God gave the promise to Abraham *and* Sarah. Therefore, when she had a child through Hagar, it was as much of a supernatural thing because before that time, Abraham was unable to have a child. However, God’s intention was not through Hagar, but through Sarah. But because Sarah was contentious, her womb remained closed and she proceeded to help God. If you have ever tried to help God, you know it doesn’t work!

The result was the supernatural birth of Ishmael, but it was not God's plan. Keep in mind Sarah was barren long before she reached the age to where she could have not children. She was barren as a young woman in child-bearing age in the time of the Ur of the Chaldees. Then she went through menopause and was barren in the natural. It was after that time that God gave her the promise. In the natural, there was no way Abraham or Sarah could produce a child. However, Abraham got with the program and Sarah, in her rebellion, did not.

Genesis 16:1-4 tells us the whole plan of Sarai and Hagar and how that caused even more contention in the home. After Ishmael was born, she finally became submissive to Abraham and her name was changed to Sarah. (See Genesis 17:1-9.)

When her name was changed, she went from being a contentious woman to being a princess. The first area she had to get straight in her life was she had to learn to be submissive to Abraham. Women, if you want to be a hero of faith and be in God's Hall of Fame, become great with your husband. To submit to him is the door you open to the spirit world. When she called him "lord," and considered him the Lord in her life in the natural is when her womb opened and Isaac was born.

## **1 Peter 3:5:**

*For after this manner [speaking of being submissive, with a meek and quiet spirit] in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:*

This is saying that submission is actually an adorning. In the verses before this it talks about women adorning themselves with gold and the braiding of hair. All these things are nice, but women are not to live for those things. In today's society, it is easy to get caught up in the world's fashions. Yes, you can be fashionable, but don't let that be your God. Let your outward adorning come from the inward adorning of a meek and quiet spirit. Let those around you see a submissive attitude toward your husband and toward the Lord. That is something money cannot buy and fashion cannot change.

Verse 4 says this kind of meek and quiet spirit, in the sight of God, is of great price. You may have the largest diamond, or pay a lot for clothes and jewelry, but God says it doesn't compare to the value and the price of a meek and quiet spirit.

## **1 Peter 3:6:**

*Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.*

The example of faith for women is Sarah. Sarah recognized Abraham, in the natural, as the lord of her life and her marriage. There came a day when Sarah looked at Abraham and said, "All right, I'm going to submit to you." Before this time, she tried to dominate him. Every time he tried to make a decision, she corrected him. Every time he wanted to step out with God, she tried to define the direction. She was contentious and Abraham would not stand up to her. Until one day she began to realize the reason she was barren was because of her attitude. Notice that a submissive attitude will bring supernatural results, even in your physical life. A closed soul brought a closed womb, but when she opened her soul to him and recognized that God had placed him there and she was to honor and respect him, she became submissive to him and became pregnant through the operation of the Holy Spirit. Because of this, she is listed in Hebrews 11 among the heroes of faith.

## **Hebrews 11:11:**

*Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed [to deposit seed], and was delivered of a child when she was past age [past the natural age of child-bearing], because she judged him faithful who had promised.*

We have read this before. Abraham became strong in faith, giving glory to God because he became fully persuaded that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. Sarah also became strong in faith, and she watched her husband's example and followed after him. Abraham became her example to follow after the Lord.

Husbands, God has designed you to become a leader in the home that the wife and children can look to and see God working through you. There has been extreme teaching that a woman can only get to God through her husband and that is not true. Any woman can get to God without a husband, but God has designed the husband to be the example to the family to show them how Jesus rules over His church. The family can submit to the husband in love as the church submits to the Lord Jesus.

## **Hebrews 11:12:**

*Therefore sprang there even of one [Abraham], and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.*

In other words, God said, “Abraham will produce two races in this earth; both of them innumerable.” The natural race is called the *Jew* and the supernatural race is called the *body of Christ*. Those who believe in the Lord Jesus were going to be one race and those who were the natural Jew would be another race and both of them are innumerable. The supernatural race is described as the stars of the sky; the natural race is described as the sand of the sea.

## **VI. Seeing Through the Eye of Faith**

### **Hebrews 11:13:**

*These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

These all died in *faith*. I can't think of a better way to die! If it is good enough to live by, it should be good enough to die by. They operated in faith all of their lifetime.

### **Genesis 25:1:**

*Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.*

At the end of chapter 24, Sarah has died. Isaac has met and married Rebekah, and Abraham, lying in his bed, was about 140 years old. Abraham was ready to die, but perhaps when he saw Isaac get married, it relit a fire in him and he decided to get up and get married again — at 140 years old! Not only did he remarry, he had kids! Abraham lived another thirty-five years, long enough to see children and grandchild through this wife.

## **Genesis 25:5-7:**

*And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.*

*But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.*

*And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.*

*Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.*

Abraham lived 175 years and died, *full of years*. It doesn't say he died full of cancer or full of tuberculosis. Like Abraham, we can believe God for good health, free from disease, but we can't believe God to be free from years. Should the Lord not return, we're going to get old in this earth. There isn't a better way to die — Abraham lay down and gave up the ghost. The Hebrew says he expired, or breathed out. When you are born you inhale. When you die you exhale. That is what Abraham did; he exhaled and went to be with the Lord. He died in faith, full of years.

Moses died at the age of 120. Deuteronomy 34:7 says *his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated*. Psalm 91:16 says *with long life will I satisfy him*. When the children of Israel followed after the Lord out of Egypt, He took sickness out of their midst. There were old people among the children of Israel, but they weren't feeble.

Hebrews 11:13 says *he died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off*. There were many things offered to Abraham that he never saw. God promised him all the land; he never saw all the land. God promised him an innumerable seed, natural and spiritual; he lived long enough to see Isaac and Ishmael and that was it. Jacob was born after he died.

Enoch had a double vision: one of the flood and one of the second advent of the Lord. (See *Jude 14, 15*.) Yet, he did not see either of them.

Abraham actually saw things far off. In John 8:56, Jesus, speaking to the Pharisees of that day, said, *Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad*. Abraham saw the day of Jesus; the day his seed came into this earth. Jesus was the seed of Abraham. Although Abraham never saw Jesus physically, he saw Him through the eye of faith.

## Hebrews 11:13

*These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them [persuaded that what God had promised, He was able to perform], and embraced them [accepted the promises of God], and confessed [acknowledged] that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

Accepting the promises of God is being a *doer* of the Word. Abraham so believed in that city, he actually lived on this earth like he was already there. Philippians 3:20 tells us we are strangers in this earth but our citizenship is in heaven. We have a natural citizenship in this earth, but that is not the one that counts. We are citizens of heaven! That city which was prepared for Abraham is also prepared for you and me. The mansions there are eternal.

There may be things God will tell us during our lifetime that we may never get to see, but we are to embrace it and live like that promise is going to come to pass in our lifetime. Should I die before it comes to pass, I'll still die in faith.

We are currently living in some of the fulfillment of the promises that were given to Smith Wigglesworth and others back then who never got to see the fulfillment of them. Smith Wigglesworth prophesied that in the 1980s, the Spirit and the Word would agree. He never saw that promise fulfilled, but he still died in faith. That is what I want. I live by faith and I will die in faith, just like Abraham did.