

The Faith of Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-6, 13

Abraham was heir to some of the most spectacular promises ever made to a human being:

God promised to make him a great nation – in fact, a multitude of nations;
yet Abraham didn't have a single heir until age 100.

God promised to bless him and make his name great;
yet most of his life Abraham bore the curse of childlessness.

God promised Abraham's descendants the land of Canaan
yet Abraham lived his entire life as a wanderer,
never owning any land but a burial plot.

And his descendants would only inherit the land after
400 years of slavery.

Our essential connection with our
great, unseen God is
great faith,
and great faith seems to develop only through
great testing.

Abraham, the father of all who are saved by faith, was
one of history's most blessed persons and
one of the most severely tested.

The demands made by faith are not easy,
but they are amazingly simple:

God only asks us
to believe that He is who He has shown Himself to be and
to live accordingly.

And He always only asks that we take
one single step of faith at a time.

As we do, faith grows,
step by step,
need by need,
day by day.

As we simply trust God, we are wrapped every moment in
His perfect will.

Hymns: [By Faith](#); [We Are Trusting in the Lord](#)