

BY FAITH...  
Hebrews 11:20-23

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The elders were men of faith
  - 1) By it they obtained a good report
  - 2) It was the basis of their testimony
  
- B. Faith must be the foundation of our lives
  - 1) Without it we cannot please Him
  - 2) With it we can do what He teaches
  
- I. By Faith Isaac... vs 20
  - A. *"By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come"*
    - 1) *"blessed"* = ευλογω = "to speak well of", "to invoke God's blessing"
    - 2) *περι μελλοντα* = "concerning future coming things"
    - 3) It was faith that enabled Isaac to speak to his sons in regard to their future.
  
  - B. The history Genesis 27:1
    - 1) Isaac was old and nearing death
    - 2) He sent for Esau to bestow the blessing (promises) of God
    - 3) Rebekah heard and plotted with Jacob to deceive Isaac
    - 4) The plot worked and Jacob received the blessing 27:28-29
    - 5) Isaac blessed Esau 27:38-39
  
- II. By Faith Jacob... vs 21
  - A. *"By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph;..."*
    - 1) *"dying"* = αποθνησκων = "He was in the process of dying"
    - 2) *"both"* = εκαστος = "each one"

B. "...and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff."

- 1) "worshipped" = προσκυνεω = "to worship"
- 2) "staff" = ραβδος = "stick", "staff"
- 3) "And gave God worship, supported by his staff" - BAS

C. The history Genesis 48:1

- 1) Joseph came to his sick father
- 2) He brought his two sons Manaseh and Epharaim
- 3) The two sons of Joseph each became the heads of tribes

III. By Faith Joseph... vs 22

A. "By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel;..."

- 1) "died" = τελευτω = "to come to the end"
- 2) "made mention" = μνημονευω = "call to mind", "bear in mind", "to speak of"
- 3) "departing" = εξοδος = "a way out", "exit"
- 4) "Confidently spoke of God bringing the people of Israel out of Egypt" TAY
- 5) He remembered that they would depart. God had told him they would exodus.

B. "...and gave commandment concerning his bones."

- 1) "commandment" = εντελλομαι = "to charge with", "to enjoin upon"
- 2) "And gave instructions concerning the burying site for his bones"

C. The history Genesis 50:24-26

- 1) Joseph was dwelling in Egypt
- 2) He did not forget God's covenant
- 3) By faith he made request of his sons
- 4) Exodus 13:19 - "And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you."

## IV. By Faith (the parents of) Moses vs 23

A. *"By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child;..."*

- 1) "hid" = κρυπτω = "conceal", "keep secret"
- 2) "parents" = πατηρ = "a father", here plural, therefore both father and mother.
- 3) "proper" = αστειος = "elegant", "fair", "to be exceedingly fair"

B. *"...and they were not afraid of the King's commandment."*

- 1) "afraid" = φοβεομαι = "to be terrified"
- 2) "And the King's edict had no terror for them"

C. The history Exodus 2:1-10

- 1) "goodly" = "good"
- 2) The decision to cast him on to the providence of God rather than have him "discovered" was an act of faith.

