

The Book of Hebrews Year 2 Bible Study Lesson 13

Hebrews 11:20-21 Questions

Faith In God's Perfect Plan, Not My Plans

Pray for the Lord to guide you through this study time.

Hebrews 11:20-21 *By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.*

It is important to be reminded of who the author of Hebrews is writing to, a church of Jewish people that were taught all of their lives about the details of these patriarchs of the faith. To get a good grasp of this story, we would need to read from Genesis chapter 12 through chapter 50. But our central message right now is on FAITH, putting our full hope and trust in God and His eternal plan.

1. From lesson 12, we learned of God testing Abraham's faith in Genesis 22. Write down what you think Isaac experienced or learned about God.

2. Read Genesis 28:10-22 and write down what Jacob learned about God.

3. Read the following Scriptures and write down what these three patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had in common.

Exodus 3:1-6; Matthew 22:31-33 _____

Acts 3:11-16 _____

Romans 9:6-18 _____

Hebrews 11:8-10 _____

Genesis 15:1-6; 26:1-5; 28:10-17 _____

Isaac and Jacob both had firsthand experience with the living God, the God of Abraham. Yet they both stumbled dramatically due to their own selfish desires and stubbornness. Yet we see from the above Scriptures how God had set them apart for His glorious and miraculous plan of Redemption for His Creation.

4. Read Psalm 105:7-15 and write down each aspect of God's attributes as seen through the eyes of the prophets.

These Scriptures should encourage each of us to see God's amazing sovereign hand guiding and directing each of our steps in our daily walk of faith. Even in our selfishness and stubbornness, if we belong to Him, God will always allow circumstances to direct us back to His ultimate, eternal, good plan.

Second Peter 1:10 says, "Therefore, sisters, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;"

5. Can you recall the first time God called you to Himself by opening your eyes and heart to the salvation of Jesus Christ? Write down briefly when and how.

6. Isaac experienced a heavy reminder of God's calling and choosing him. Genesis 25 thru 27 we learn all about selfish and deceitful hearts; Isaac wanted Esau to receive the Abrahamic blessing instead of Jacob the chosen one. Read Genesis 27:30-40 write down Isaac's response to Jacob receiving the blessing over Esau.

7. No matter how much we want or think we need to do our own plans, if we belong to Him, God is going to prevail in making sure He keeps us on the course of sanctification to bare the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. Read the Scriptures and explain how it related to Isaac and Jacob, and then what affect it has on your life.

Romans 2:4 _____

Ephesians 1:4-6 _____

Ephesians 2:4-10 _____

8. We can see from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that their faith was not based upon their own ability to trust and follow God, but to recognize their need to hope in Him alone. When God gives awareness of my own broken depravity, submission to His sovereign hand of mercy and grace becomes attainable. Read some of Jacob's last words of blessing in Genesis 48:15-16. What evidence do you see in these words that points to trust and hope in our faithful God? What will you trust God in today knowing he holds you in His righteous right hand?
