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ABRAHAM'S SURRENDERS TO GOD

* Hebrews 11:8-19 *Great story.*

Many in every generation afraid of God's Will. Why??
Human tendency: To walk by SIGHT. Paul says: II Cor. 5:7.
Study: A word that automatically goes with FAITH: Surrender.
All truly great men KNOW this virtue well - OFTEN.
Self?? If angel give option-guide self rest of life or let
God direct it. We cannot know the future. Let God guide!
Only safe decision - one chosen by all Bible greats!!!

I. WERE ABRAHAM LIVING TODAY, WOULD HE BE A CHRISTIAN???

- A. If God said, "Abraham believe in my Son." He would! Why?
John 20:30-31. John 8:24. John 3:16. Wish is command
- B. If God said, "Abraham, repent of your sins." He? Why?
Acts 2:38. Lk. 13:3. Lk. 24:46-47. *There it is*
- C. If God said, "Abraham, confess my Son." Would he? Why?
Matt. 10:32. Romans 10:9-10. *That if*
- D. If God said, "Abraham, be baptized." Would he? Why?
Mark 16:15-16. I Pet. 3:21. Acts 22:16.

STRONGLY CONVINCED: 3 things of Abraham. *42,80 yrs.*

- 1. Abraham be as faithful today as was in 2311 B. C.
- 2. Surrender to God's will now as freely as did then.
- 3. Walk by faith and not by sight. Rom. 10:17.

II. SOME PROOFS OF ABRAHAM'S FIDELITY UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

- A. Surrender to God's Will at Haran. Genesis 12:1-4*
 - 1. Called to nomadic life in unknown regions - while contemporaries lived behind secure walls, cities flourishing in EDUCATION and CULTURE and S-I-M!!!
 - 2. Faced: Warlike nations, walled cities, trained armies dependence upon nature and the elements.
 - 3. Problems: Age: 75 yrs. old! *in that* Friendless! Ignorant of outside world!! 11:8. Unprepared.
(Like: Dr. Joe Wise go to Afghanistan! But, established here! Needed here. Fulfilling mission here
Don Boston Or: B. H. BRISON. Go to Red China! Over 90 yrs! Retired. Cannot speak Chinese. Ignorant.

OBSERVATION: God had a special mission for Abraham.
He 75 yrs. old. Well-established. Traveled little
Knew only Ur of Chaldeas. BUT-surrendered-went out

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B. Surrendered to God's Will at Sodom. 13:1-3.

1. Prosperity caused problems: Vs. 7-13.*
2. Abraham had the EDGE on the "rights" question. Older. Leader. Patriarch-status. First choice.
3. Abraham also dominant in generosity. Took plains of Mamre-less grass, more rock. less water, more traveling about. Less security, more risks.

OBSERVATION: Abraham did not believe that priority of "rights" necessitated the exercise of them.

C. Surrendered to God's Will at Salem. Gen. 14.

1. Lot captured in wars of 5 kings against 4.
2. Abraham rescued Lot with 318 men in night strike.
3. Abraham met Melchizedek of Salem. Blessed. Given 10%
4. King of Sodom asked only for prisoners-given spoil. Vs. 22-23.* Again refrained from exercising rights.
Did question: 15:1-6.*

D. Surrender to God's Will at Mt. Moriah. 22.

- His:*
1. Patience, faith and loyalty further tested,
 2. Greatest test just ahead. 22:1-6. * Unbelieve b1
 3. Sacrifice was his worship! (Bow down-surrender.) 5

OBVIOUS CONCLUSION: Abraham would have obeyed God in anything, anywhere, at any time because he was a truly great man of faith. Vs. 17 * Recorded

INV: Some think of God as hard and cruel for testing Abraham so severely.

Yet, God did EXACTLY what He challenged Abraham to do. John 3:16. Rom. 5:8.

God surrendered His only begotten Son!
Jesus surrendered His very life!
God asks you to surrender YOUR LIFE in service and surrender to Him and His Son.

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