信心的榜样 The Example of Faith

希伯来书 (Hebrew) 11:1-16



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2. 古人在这信上得了美好的证据。

This is what the ancients were commended for.

3. 我们因着信,就知道诸世界是藉神话造成的;这样,所看见的,并不是从显然之物造出来的。

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. 4. 亚伯因着信,献祭与神,比该隐所献的更美,因此便得了称义的见证,就是神指他礼物作的见证。他虽然死了,却因这信,仍旧说话。

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And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

7. 挪亚因着信,既蒙神指示他未见的事,动了敬畏的心,预备了一只方舟,使他全家得救。因此就定了那世代的罪,自己也承受了那从信而来的义。

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

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11. 因着信,连撒拉自己,虽然过了生育的岁数,还能怀孕,因他以为那应许他的是可信的。

By faith Abraham, even though he was past age--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.

12. 所以从一个彷佛已死的人就生出子孙,如同天上的星那样众多,海边的沙那样无数。

And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

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14. 说这样话的人是表明自己要找一个家乡。

People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.

15. 他们若想念所离开的家乡,还有可以回去的机会。

If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

16. 他们却羡慕一个更美的家乡,就是在天上的。所以神被称为他们的神,并不以为耻,因为他已经给他们预备了一座城。

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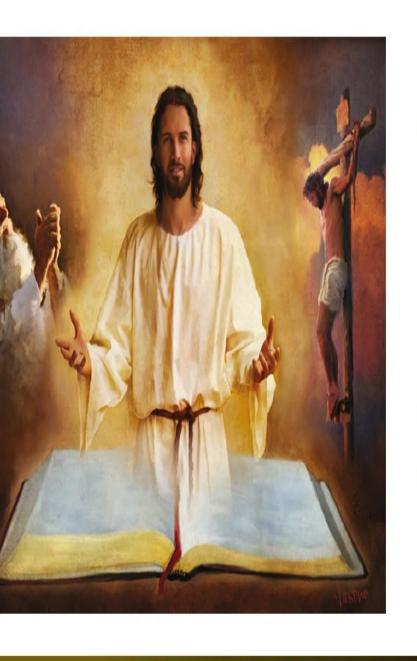
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如今耶稣所得 的职任是更美 的,正如他作 更美之约的中 保: 这约原是 凭更美之应许 立的。

耶稣超越了天使,超越了 摩西与約書亚,更超越了 按律法在利未支派亚伦家 族中所有作大祭司的,祂 乃是按着麦基洗德的等次 在天上的帐幕永远作大祭 司,祂也是「更美之约的 中保」; 并且证明祂用自 己的血所立的新约之功 效,远胜旧约中律法的 功效。

「我们却不是退后入沉沦的那等人,乃是有信心以 致灵魂得救的人。」

(希伯来书10:39)

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

(Hebrew 10: 39)

在耶稣基督降生以前,凡有信心仰望神的人,也都能够「因信称义」;神赐给旧约人物的信心与新约信徒的信心是一样的,并没有分别。因为信心的对象是同一位又真又活的永生神,信心的本质和内容同样是神的话语和祂的应许

虽然旧约中的信心伟人还没有经历主耶稣的宝血救恩,他们就照着神的应许存盼望的心忍耐等候。新约的信徒已经知道主耶稣为他们完成救赎的工作,岂不更当有信心去相信并忍耐等候那就快要再来的救主吗?

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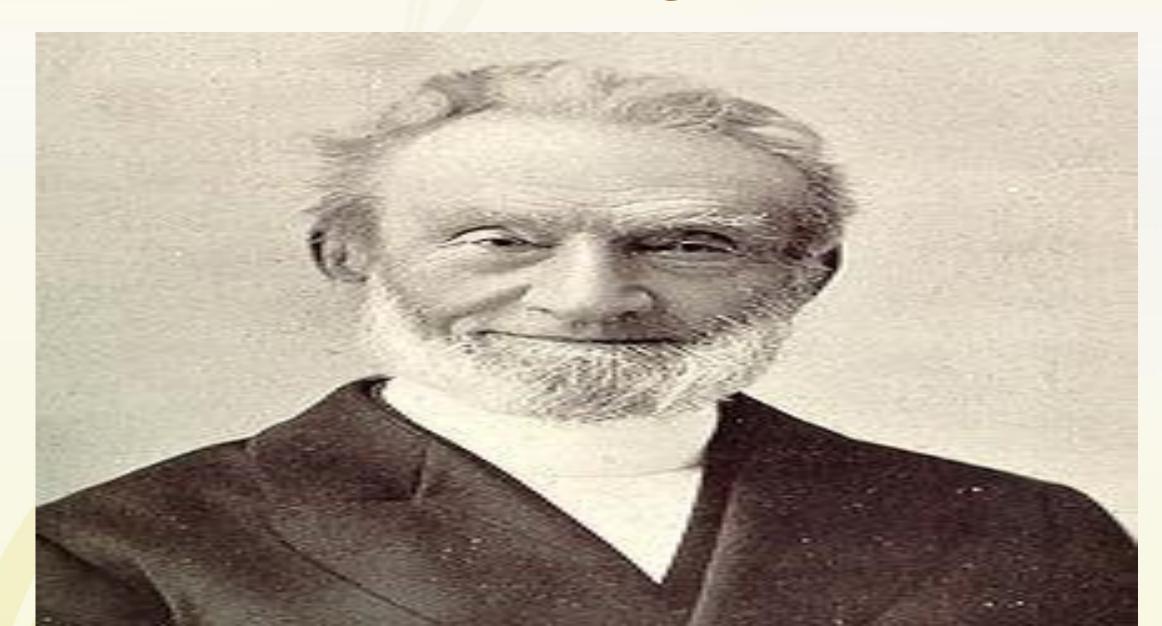
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簡單的說:「信心就是在所盼望的事还没有发生与 看见之前,就已经确信事情必然会成就,但并不是 凭空想象,而是有神的话语与应许作基础。」

信心之父—乔治慕勒 (George Mueller, 1805-1898)



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「亚伯是牧羊的;该隐是种地的。有一日,该隐拿地里的出产为供物献给耶和华;亚伯也将他羊群中头生的和羊的脂油献上。耶和华看中了亚伯和他的供物,只是看不中该隐和他的供物。该隐就大大地发怒,变了脸色。」

(创世记 4:2-5)

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

「耶和华对该隐说:你为甚么发怒呢?你为甚么变了脸色呢?你若行得好,岂不蒙悦纳?你若行得不好,罪就伏在门前。他必恋慕你,你却要制伏他。该隐与他兄弟亚伯说话;二人正在田间。该隐起来打他兄弟亚伯,把他杀了。

」(创世记 4:6-8) Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." ""And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

「不可像该隐;他是属那恶者,杀了他的兄弟。为甚么杀了他呢?因自己的行为是恶的,兄弟的行为是善的。」 (约翰一书3:12)

Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.

(1 John 3: 12)

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(Genesis 5 : 24)

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「他们正走着说话,忽有火车火马将二人隔开,以利亚就乘旋风升天去了。」

(列王记下 2:11)

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. (2 King 2:11)

(二) 信心的伟人 Heroes of Faith

「以后我们这活着还存留的人必和他们一同被提到 云里,在空中与主相遇。这样,我们就要和主永远 同在。」 (帖前 4:17)

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thes. 4:17)

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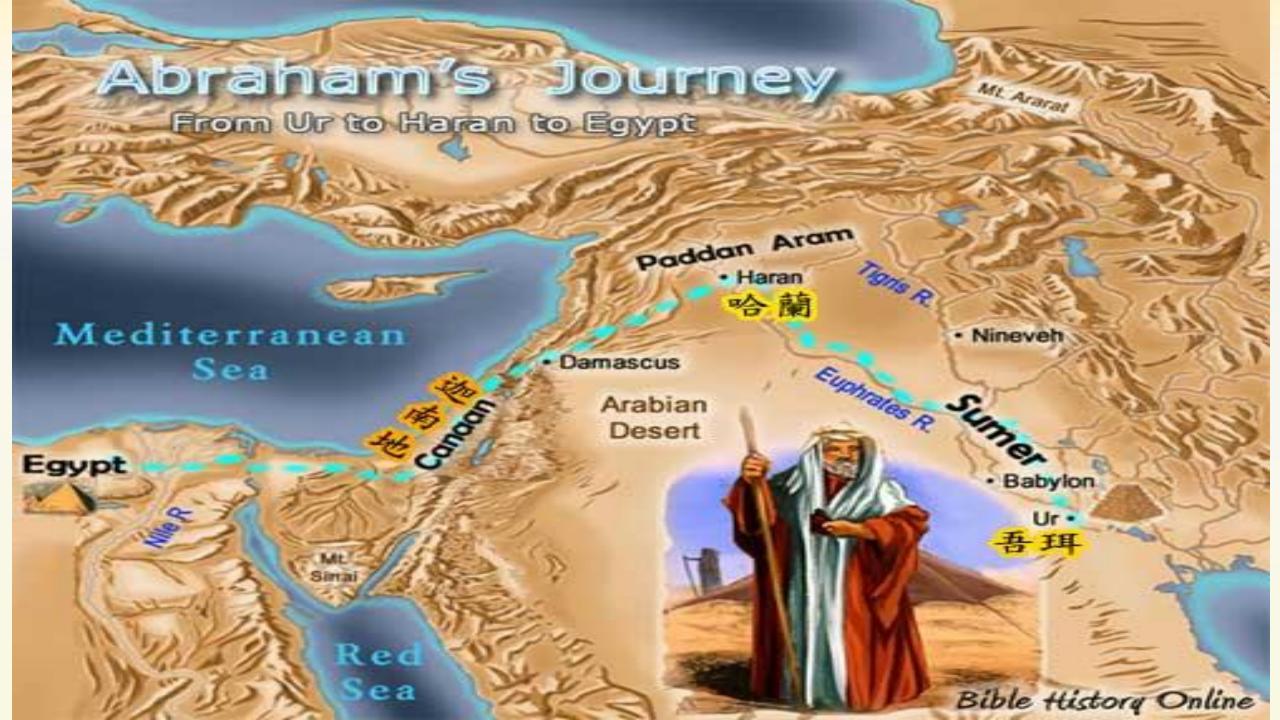
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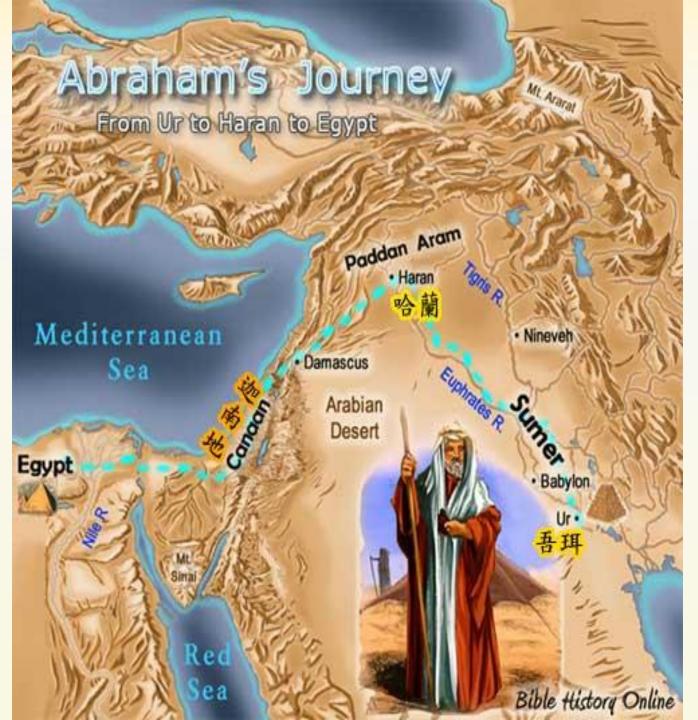
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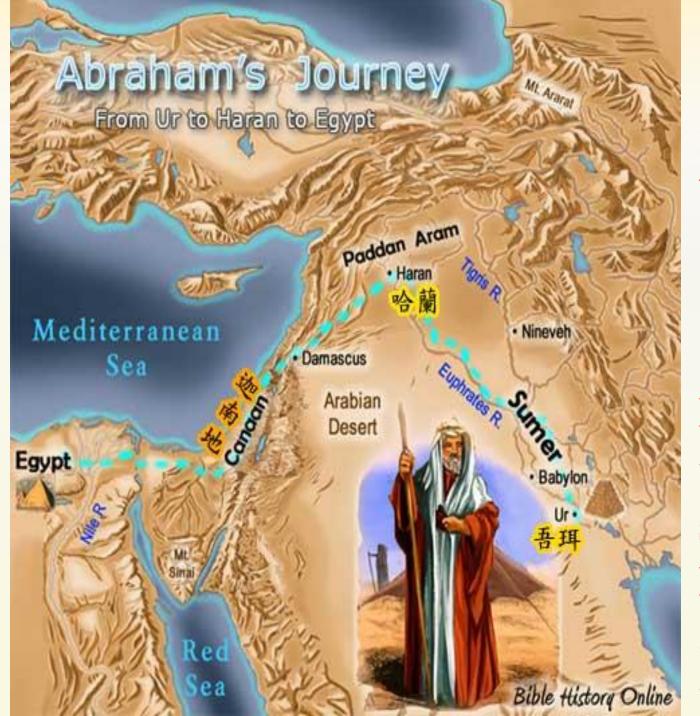


「你要离开本地、本族、 父家,往我所要指示你的 地去。」

(创世记 12:1)

Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

(Genesis 12:1)



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In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:2-3)

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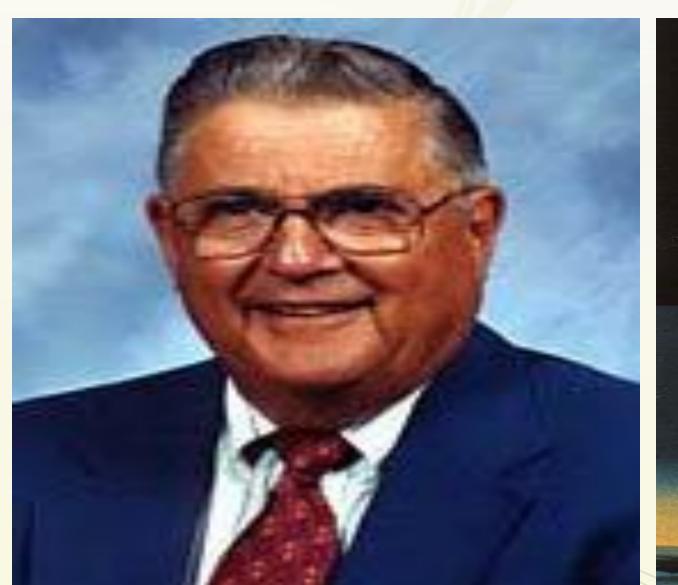
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(罗马书 10:17)

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

(Romans 10: 17)