

Introduction: Here are three questions that could interest you:

1. Who is the most mentioned among the Heroes of Faith in the Bible (Heb. 11)?
2. What does a winning worshipper look like?
3. How can you become a winning worshipper of God?

A. Abraham's Faith Profile

1. Abraham's faith and obedience to God's call (Gen. 12:1-4).
2. Abraham's faith and obedience to God's command (Gen. 22:1-18).

B. Abraham's Worship Principles

From Genesis 22:1-18

1. Worship God by loving Him more than His blessings to you.
2. Worship God when He asks you to give back to Him what He has given you.
3. Worship of God could cause you heavy personal sacrifice.
4. Winning worship is reproduced in your son by your example.
5. "Like father like son" type of worship is caught more than taught.
6. A personal story
7. Winning worship produced by faith in God and obedience to God is the essence of the Christian life, and is God's highest purpose for creating and redeeming us. (Rev. 4:11; 5:9).

C. Abraham's Worship Pathway

1. Hebrews 11:8-10
 - a. This is our spiritual journey as we obey God's call in our life.
 - b. Not to get distracted, let us not get too involved with the pleasures and attractions of this world.
2. Hebrews 11:17-19
 - c. By faith we can pass God's test of sacrificial worship by offering our dearest and our best to God.
 - d. Let's follow Abraham's reasoning that God is powerful to give back to us what we sacrificed to Him to fulfill His plan for our life.

3. Galatians 3:6-9

- e. God will credit us with His righteousness if we believe His promise (v. 6)
- f. We become Abraham's children by believing in God like Abraham (v. 7).
- g. Like Abraham, we'll inherit God's blessing through faith in God (v. 9).

Conclusion:

1. Winning worship of God is modeled by Abraham.
2. Satan tempted Jesus to worship him by promising Him the world (Matt. 4:8-10).
3. Let us beware of Satan's temptation to worship him in exchange for the glittering splendor of the world around us.
4. The way to defeat Satan is by saying to him what Jesus said in verse 10, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" "
5. To be winning worshippers, we need to answer this question correctly, "Who or what am I really worshipping?"

TABLETALK STARTERS (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

Read: Genesis 22:1-18

1. Go over Abraham's Worship Principles in the sermon outline.
 - a. Which of these principles do you need to improve in your Christian life?
 - b. Any positive testimonies related to these Principles? Group Discussion and Sharing.

Read: Genesis 11:8-10

2. Are you struggling with distraction in your faith journey?
3. How are you encouraged by Abraham's example? Group Sharing and Discussion.

Read: Hebrews 11:17-19

4. What is the climax of winning worship that you want to reach? Personal Sharing.
5. Self-Check: Refer to the article under Pastor's Corner to do a confidential self-check.

Moments of Prayer