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ABRAHAM – PART 1  
THE FAITH HALL OF FAME

The life of Abraham is recorded in the first book of the Holy bible, Genesis. The Jews of Jesus' time called him Father Abraham, the one they revered as the founder of their faith.

Chapter eleven of the Book of Hebrews (New Testament) is often called the "Faith Hall of Fame" as it lists several godly people starting with Abel, Enoch, and Noah, each briefly mentioned. Next listed is Abraham in greater emphasis. It speaks of how he stepped out in faith to go where God told him into a land about which he knew nothing.

God made Abraham a promise that he would become the father of many nations. All nations of the earth would be blessed because of him.

It can be seen in chapter eight of John's gospel just how much the Jews venerated Abraham. John 8:23-59 shows the Jews debating with Jesus about who He is versus who they are. Jesus had spoken to them of His Father (v. 28). They answered Him that they were of Abraham's seed, and that he was their father.

When Jesus said to them in verse 58 ***"...I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM."*** They immediately saw that as blasphemy and were ready to stone Him. They called Jesus as being with a devil. They had put their full trust in "Father Abraham" and the law of Moses. They rejected Jesus.

However, as Paul recounted in Hebrews 11, you can see how highly they viewed Abraham, and justifiably so. We will study the life of Abraham in a short series here so that we may learn that which can encourage us in our walk of faith through life.

We will start tomorrow from Abraham's origin and follow through his 140 years of life. There is much to learn from this, so stay tuned.