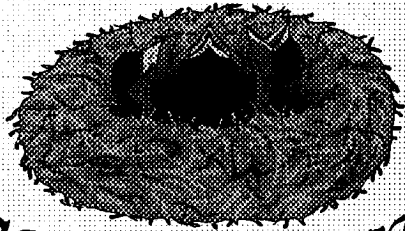
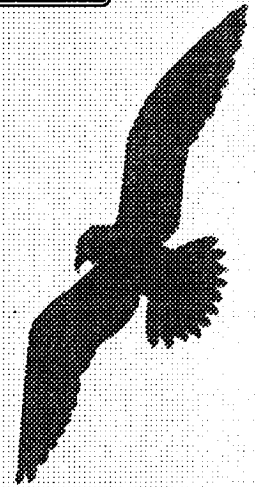


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*



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Standing On The Promises

*"Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises I cannot fail,
Lis'tning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior, as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.*

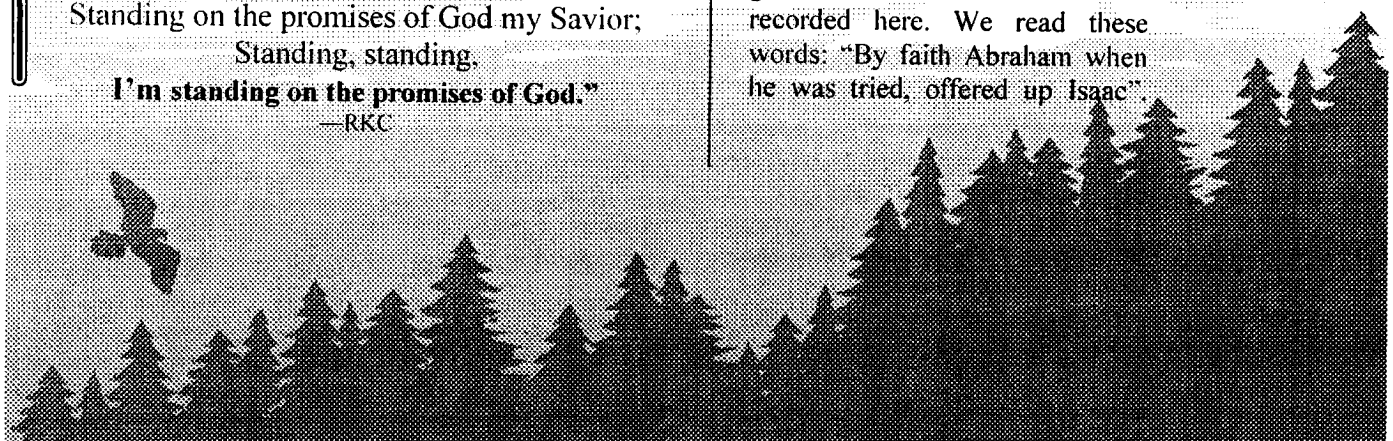
Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God."

—RKC

We will continue to look at the ones who are mentioned in the faith chapter of Hebrews 11. We ended with Sarah in the August issue. She was the fifth person named out of the sixteen names recorded in this chapter.

It is recorded of these five that though they died without having received the promises in their life time they by faith (1) "saw them afar off," (2) they "were persuaded of them," (3) they "embraced them" (4) "and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." This is what true faith will also do for us. What ever God has promised He will do in His own time. The Lord has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me". Hebrews 13:5,6. Faith causes us to be persuaded of His promises and to embrace them regardless of our trials and difficulties.

Although Abraham's act of faith in leaving his home is recorded in this chapter another greater act of his faith is also recorded here. We read these words: "By faith Abraham when he was tried, offered up Isaac".



God told Abraham to take his son- his only son and offer him up on Mount Moriah as a burnt offering. But God stopped him before he was able to do it. See Genesis 22:1-14. Abraham knew that if he had actually offered up Isaac God would have raised him from the dead. What great faith Abraham displayed here on Mount Moriah! This scene on Mount Moriah makes us think of another scene that took place on Calvary. It was there that the blessed Son of God bore our sins in His own body on the cross. Isaac was spared but not the Lord Jesus. We read "He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32. What a God is ours! What a Savior!

The *sixth* person mentioned in this faith chapter is Isaac, Jacob's son. We read that he blessed Jacob and Esau concerning *things to come*. Esau was the firstborn and the special blessing should have been his. But Esau had despised his birthright (Genesis 25:34) so the special blessing went to Jacob. The prophecy of Isaac regarding the nation of Israel and the descendents of Esau is an amazing one. The one with Israel has been partly fulfilled but the complete fulfillment regarding Jacob and the nation of Israel is still future. The one regarding Esau was fulfilled during the reign of the king of Jehoram. 2 Kings 8:16-20.

The Bible also tells us of other *things to come*. The next great event will be the rapture of the church. The Lord said to His disciples before He went to the cross: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**" John 14:2,3. What a blessed hope this is! A day has also been appointed when the Lord will set up His throne and will judge the world in righteousness. See Acts 17:31.

The *seventh* person mentioned is Jacob. When he was dying he blessed both the sons of Joseph while leaning upon his staff. This is a very interesting account. Jacob crossed his hands while blessing them putting his right hand on the younger son Ephraim and his left hand on the older son, Manasseh. (The right hand was used to convey the greater blessing while the left hand conveyed a lesser blessing.) Joseph tried to correct his father but Jacob said, "I know it my, son, I know it; he (Manasseh) shall be come a people, and he also shall become great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and shall become a multitude of nations." Genesis 12-22. Although much of Jacob's life was not characterized by faith here at the end we see him acting in faith as directed by God.

The *eighth* person mentioned is Joseph. "By faith he made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones." The history of Joseph is truly an inspiring one. He was thrown into a pit in the wilderness by his brothers and then sold as a slave to an Egyptian. He then was falsely accused of a sin and thrown into jail. He rose into prominence by interpreting the dream of the king of Egypt. Through Joseph's counsel the Egyptians escaped a terrible famine and also became the supplier of food for the nations around them. Joseph's father and brothers were reunited with Joseph and lived in the

country of Egypt. But before Joseph died, he told his brothers "God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which He swore to Abraham, Isaac and to Jacob." Genesis 50:24-26. Joseph then instructed his brothers to carry his bones with them to the land of Israel. We are reminded once again that what God has promised He will always do. Joseph's faith laid hold upon the promises of God. "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do *it?* or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" Numbers 23:19. How good to always rest upon the promises of God!

The *ninth* person mentioned is Moses. "By faith Moses when he was born, was hid three months by his parents, because they saw he was a proper or beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment". Actually we see that the faith mentioned here is not Moses' personal faith but that of his parents. *They were not afraid of the king's commandment!* Pharaoh had given the commandment that every son born was to be cast into the river but every daughter could be saved alive. See Exodus 1:22. We learn from this that true faith in God delivers us from the fear of man. God often tells us in His word to "**Fear not.**" Here is one of them: "For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, **Fear not; I will help thee.**" Isaiah 41:13.

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say, than to you He hath said,--
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?"

"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will - I will not desert to his foes;
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never--no never--no never forsake!"

—George Keith

In His wonderful love,

John D. McNeil

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