

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IHOP BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday, April 1 (No fool'in), 2004

HEBREWS 11 "The Role Call of Heroes and Heroines of Faith."

I. Read through the chapter to savor each of our heroes and heroines.

II. This week the assignment is to answer the following questions. **USE AS MUCH "GUT ANALYSIS" AS YOU CAN.**

A. Note vs 13b: "They did not receive the things promised, they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance."

Now, pick one of the characters reported and read about them in your study materials, or one the web. Then, write a short report about your selection, and be certain to tell us **1)** "why they did not receive the things promised." Also, **2)** indicate to us how they welcomed the promise from a distance." **3)** Note what this promise was. **4) Gut Analysis**

ABLE

- 1. Died in faith**
- 2. The innocent to be redeemed**
- 3. Able acted in accordance with being a more human person**
- 4. The reward is experienced in the deed itself. Cain got his, and Able won the day.**

ENOCH

- 1. Along with Elijah, Enoch was one who did receive the promise**
- 2. Not see death**
- 3. Lived in eternal fellowship with God**
- 4. Living in At-One-Ment resulted in experience the Perfect At-One-Ment with The Meaning of Life.**

ABRAHAM

1. Died in faith
2. Blind faith in trusting God when he left home to go where God would show him. Also, in the potential of taking the life of his only promised Son.
3. Promise of many generation to be born from the seed of Isaac.
4. Complete surrender to living the life of At-One-Ment

SARAH

1. Doubt of God, yet died in faith
2. Received Isaac when her womb was dead
3. Aware of the future promise in her son Isaac
4. Betting your life on The Meaning of Life

MOSES

1. Unbelief when God promised water out of the rock
2. Passover and Desert sojourn
3. Viewed the Promised Land, but denied going there
4. The world is not my home, I am a stranger here. . .

RAHAB

1. Disposed of her homeland, Canaan
2. Not perish as a traitor to her country
3. Saved from being killed
4. Just as I am without one plea. . .

GIDEON

1. **Great victory**
2. **Encouraged by an angel**
3. **Experience the victory**
4. **Illumination of dependence on The Guarantor in times of great anti-At-One-Ment**

BARAK

1. **Failure to do battle without Deborah**
2. **His refusal seen by God as a demonstration of faith**
3. **Deborah, the spokes women of faith**
4. **Doing what's right has its own rewards**

SAMPSON

1. **Died in faith**
2. **Born in answer to prayer**
3. **Super human strength promised the defeat of the enemies of Israel**
4. **In weakness we are made perfect: Weakness in the eyes of this world, is strength in the eyes of the spiritual world**

JEPHTHAH

1. **Died in faith**
2. **Made a rash vow: Opened mouth to the Lord, and I can't go back.**
3. **Faithful to a fault.**
4. **Living is made perfect by doing perfect service to The Meaning of Life**

DAVID

1. **Flagrant sinner**

2. Accepted and applied The Law to himself
3. Sought and received God's forgiveness
4. Our integrity is found not in ourselves, but in living the life of At-One-Ment

SAMUEL

1. An indulgent father of godless sons
2. Servant to God
3. Noble man of faith
4. The measure of ourselves is not found in the perception of ourselves, nor in the perception of others, but in the way we practice At-One-Ment with neighbor, self and The Meaning of Life.

II. vs 13c And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth."

Were they aliens from space? To what planet did they belong? Using your human experience, answer this question, "How do you know?" **When these people experience a peace and harmony in their lives, they had the undeniable assurance they were living in the presence of the Perfect At-One-Ment.**

III. vs 27b "By faith [Moses] left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible." Now, H-O-W did Moses see the invisible? He didn't have to "see" anything. Seeing is a "head trip" analysis. Moses experienced the harmony and peace in his life and intuited his stood in the presence of The Meaning of Life.

IV. vs 38 Why wasn't the world worthy of them?

Each of these people demonstrated the difference between living and demonstrating lives of At-One-Ment (Holiness), and the rest of the world that was living and demonstrating anti-At-One-Ment (godlessness.)

V. vs. 40 "God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect." OK, using your "gut analysis" what is the "something better for us?" And, what is the "Perfection" we achieved?

The "something better for us" is the revelation of all of our spiritual resources that are found with us. These were given to us at birth and to which we are blind until something or someone awakens us.

The "Perfection" we achieve is the live lived in the presence of At-One-Ment. The experience of this is a profound peace with The Way Life Is.