



Sunday, February 27, 2022
Pastor Don Denyes

Intro to Hebrews 11:20-22

There was an old song that we used to sing in church a lot called “Standing on the Promises.” The middle verses of that song are a wonderful, succinct poetic description of the foundation of the faith that is expressed in Hebrews 11.

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 fall,
Listn’ing every moment to the Spirit’s call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all
Standing on the promises of God.

The foundation matters a great deal. If you build on a faulty foundation, the whole building will be easily shaken and subject to collapse (see Matt. 7:24-27). Trials and temptations are inevitable in the Christian life, but if our foundation is sure—built on the promises of God—then we can be confident that we will withstand them and prevail triumphantly in the end, just as Christ Himself has.

May we, then, be eager to live out the faith passed down to us from the time of the patriarchs. May we live in such a way that God is well-pleased, knowing that what is for us His glory is ultimately for our good as well.

Discuss

- 1) What would you say is the foundation of your faith? How do you know that is your foundation?
- 2) Each of the patriarchs mentioned—Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph—all looked forward to God’s promise for the future. What promises had God made to them?
- 3) What promises of future grace has God given us that we can build our lives on?
- 4) Pastor Don said sometimes our feelings can become the foundation of our faith. What does he mean by that? Has this ever been true of you?
- 5) Why is it so hard for us to wait for the fulfillment of God’s promises to us?