

## ABRAHAM LOOKED FOR NEW JERUSALEM

*For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God - Heb 11:10*

Faith lives in expectation of eternity, looking for that which God has promised. The life of faith is a life of hope, the hope of glory. Abraham sojourned here; but he lived for eternity. John Trapp wrote, "Heaven hath foundations, earth hath none but is hanged upon nothing, as Job speaketh (Job26:7). Hence things are said to be **on** earth, but **in** heaven." The spies who went in to spy out the land with Joshua and Caleb saw nothing but giants in the land. They were terrified by what they saw. Abraham looked not at the giants but at the promise of God and fully expected God to fulfil his promise in spite of the giants. He believed God. He saw the same thing John saw, The New Jerusalem. He walked with it ever before him, seeing it as a City that hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God!

When God the Holy Spirit tells us that Abraham "looked for a city", he means that he *expected* it. He fully expected to enter into and take possession of the heavenly Jerusalem as a rightful heir to it. This was not a matter of presumption, but of faith. You see Abraham really did believe God. Do we? Has not God promised eternal life and heavenly glory to every sinner who trusts the Lord Jesus Christ? Indeed, he has (John 3:14-16). Does the Lord God not declare that every sinner washed in Christ's blood and robed in his righteousness is worthy to enter into and take possession of the inheritance of the saints in heaven? He clearly does (Col. 1:12). It is, therefore, most reasonable that we should expect all the fullness of heavenly glory if we trust the Son of God, just as Abraham did.

What are the foundations of that City? The foundations have inscribed upon them the names of "the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:14). That is to say, the City of God, the Heavenly

Jerusalem, is a city built upon that which the twelve apostles of Christ taught, the gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in him. Heaven is a city built upon the foundation of God's everlasting purpose of grace in Christ (Rom8:28-31; Eph.1:3-14; 2Tim1:9). The foundation of the City is God's everlasting love for his elect, his eternal covenant of grace, his sovereign election, his absolute predestination, his unalterable Word, the precious blood of Christ, and his almighty, free grace. In a word, the foundations of the City are those foundations of grace and truth in Jesus Christ crucified (Eph2:20). Let us ever keep the City in sight! Don't look at the giants in this dark land, but set your heart on things above (Col3:1-5,15-17).

*Don Fortner*

## GOD'S GREAT WORK OF SALVATION - Ex6:6-8

These are great words, but they come from the mouth of the great God, who cannot lie. Wherefore believe them and take hope. God will take you, poor guilty ones, to be his children. He will promote you to be his willing servants. He will use you for his glory though now you dishonour his name. He will sanctify you and cleanse you, and he will bring you to heaven, even you who have lien among the pots and have been deified in the brick-kilns of sin. He will never rest till he makes you sit upon his throne with him, where he is glorified, world without end...He will bring you out of bondage and guide you through the wilderness till you come into the eternal rest, even to a goodlier land than Canaan, though it flowed with milk and honey.

*C H Spurgeon*

## A PERFECTLY TIMED RESCUE

The Lord is not ignoring your tears or delaying out of cruelty. He is timing his rescue perfectly, because he cares more about your ultimate good than your immediate comfort. *Timothy Keller*

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**10:30 am (GMT+1h) Service**

*Exodus 6:9*

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## 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

247 to 229

*J Ryland*

1 O Lord, I would delight in thee,  
And on thy care depend;  
To thee in every trouble flee,  
My best, my only Friend.

2 When all created streams are dried,  
Thy fulness is the same;  
May I with this be satisfied,  
And glory in thy name.

4 No good in creatures can be found,  
But may be found in thee;  
I must have all things, and abound,  
While God is God to me.

5 O that I had a stronger faith,  
To look within the veil;  
To credit what my Saviour saith,  
Whose words can never fail.

6 He that has made my heaven secure  
Will here all good provide;  
While Christ is rich, I can't be poor;  
What can I want beside?

### Prayer

## Exodus 6:1-13

### Prayer

232 to 808

*J Newton*

Begone, unbelief, my Saviour is near,  
And for my relief will surely appear;  
By prayer let me wrestle, and he will perform;  
With Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm.

2  
Though dark be my way, since he is my Guide,  
'Tis mine to obey, 'tis his to provide;  
Though cisterns be broken, and creatures all fail,  
The word he has spoken shall surely prevail.

3  
His love in time past forbids me to think  
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink;  
Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review  
Confirms his good pleasure to help me quite through.

4  
Determined to save, he watched o'er my path,  
When, Satan's blind slave, I sported with death.  
And can he have taught me to trust in his name,  
And thus far have brought me to put me to shame?

7  
Since all that I meet shall work for my good,  
The bitter is sweet, the medicine is food;  
Though painful at present, 'twill cease before long,  
And then O how pleasant the conqueror's song!

## Sermon

23 to 182

*J Hart*

1 A Man there is, a real Man,  
With wounds still gaping wide,  
From which rich streams of blood once ran,  
In hands, and feet, and side.

3 This wondrous Man of whom we tell,  
Is true Almighty God;  
He bought our souls from death and hell;  
The price, his own heart's blood.

4 That human heart he still retains,  
Though throned in highest bliss;  
And feels each tempted member's pains;  
For our affliction's his.

5 Come, then, repenting sinner, come;  
Approach with humble faith;  
Owe what thou wilt, the total sum  
Is cancelled by his death.

6 His blood can cleanse the blackest soul,  
And wash our guilt away;  
He will present us sound and whole,  
In that tremendous day.