

## IS GOD PROUD OF YOU?

### Hebrews 11:13-16

**Introduction:** Tracing man's history back through the New Testament, the Old Testament it is seen that people who knew God lived by their faith. Nobody today has to live like Abraham did. He got a call from God to leave everything and go day by day to where God directed and he did. He had several opportunities to go back to his home yet he never did, he continued on, obeying God's directives. He had faith that God knew what He was doing and would be there for him. We might say that God could be proud of Abraham.

### I. WE ARE TO LOOK FOR BETTER THINGS ALSO

1. As Christians, on the outside, we look like, even act in ways as everybody else does. We have jobs, make a living, have families, have friends and activities we like to do.
  - On the inside, however, the Christian's mind, soul and heart are not set on the material, worldly things, but on the Heavenly. The Christian's long range view is different.
  - Of the two viewpoints, the Heavenly viewpoint is the most important for that is an eternal thing.
  - The attitude of the world should be that as it is a temporary place, home for the Christian is awaiting his/her heavenly home. (*John 14*)
2. As non-Christians, the attitude of the unbeliever is that the world owes them something.
  - Only the Christian compares both worlds. The lost don't see the glories of heaven, they do acknowledge there is a heaven, but don't go any further in interest.
  - The lost don't seek the heavenly, their heart is not in it, their lives are not lived for the heavenly and they cannot understand what the Christian is talking about, the heavenly things.
  - Every generation of unbelievers/lost is the same. There is no undue concern for heavenly things.
  - Every generation of Christians is also the same, regardless of age, wealth, etc., ALL believers acknowledge that they are just passing through this world for their real home is above.

### II. GOD IS PROUD OF THE FAITHFUL (V16)

1. God is the God of all people, of all things, but God is proud to be God over certain ones specially.
2. *2 Corinthians 6:16-18*
3. Remember Abraham's fellowship with God? Remember the results?
4. God desires to have similar relationships with all people, but under His certain conditions - Obedience.

5. Who of us would proudly, publicly announce our friendship with a thief, a drunk, a criminal, a murderer, a prostitute, a druggie?"
6. God cannot approve of nor be friend to those involved in disobedience. Who would introduce a friend as "one who steals from me, or is untrue to me, or is disobedient or ashamed of me?"  
- *Mark 8:38*
7. God takes a public stand for His faithful, not those who are not.
8. God wishes to walk with and be proud of all of us, but too many of us have become like Lot, who left God, or like the multitude, who went away from following Jesus when things got tough.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Compare your life, your attitude, your heart with that of Abraham. How do you stand?
2. Abraham's call from God was not so different from yours. Both calls were to total obedience. Both calls were to seek another world. Both calls were to walk in faith.
3. Compare this world of ours with Jesus' New World.
  - Can you have any doubt as to which world is best?
  - If Jesus' world is best, then why act as if this one is?
  - If we are saved by faith, then we are also to walk in faith.
4. Is God proud of you? Is He proud to be your God?
5. Do you believe: that God is creator, sustainer? In Jesus Christ, the Cross, the Tomb, the Resurrection?
  - That Jesus is preparing you a place and is coming back for you?
  - If you do, then show it - show your faith by the way you live.