

Lessons from the Prophets

Action

Text: Hebrews 11

Introduction:

1. The prophets of God taught many things about the coming of the Messiah.
2. Yet they also had much to teach for the people of their own time.
3. The inspired word of God they preached was to correct and guide men in their faithfulness.
4. The examples they set in their lives demonstrated true obedience to God.
5. Thus, from the prophets many important lessons can be learned.

I. WILLINGNESS TO DO

(HEBREWS 11)

- A. The prophets of God possessed more than good intentions; they actively obeyed God!
- B. Enoch pleased God by walking with Him (Hebrews 11; Genesis 5:22-24).
- C. Noah built the Ark (Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:22; 7:1, 5).
- D. Abraham obeyed God's commandments (Hebrews 11:8; Genesis 22:18).
- E. Moses walked away from Egypt (Hebrews 11:27; Exodus 2:15).
- F. Like them, the Christian must be willing to do (Matthew 7:24-27; Hebrews 5:9).

II. WILLINGNESS TO GO

(ISAIAH 6)

- A. When God called for servants, Isaiah answered (6:8).
 1. He was willing to go to whom God sent him (6:9).
 2. He was willing to go with the message God sent him (6:9-10).
 3. He was willing to go for as long as God sent him (6:11-12).
- B. Amos was willing to go without compromise (Amos 7:12-17).
- C. Jeremaih was willing to go without fear (Jeremiah 1:4-9, 17-19).
- D. Like them, the Christian must be willing to go (Mark 16:15-15).

III. WILLINGNESS TO GIVE

(DEUTERONOMY 34:5-7)

- A. Moses was willing to give his 'retirement' to serve God (Exodus 7:7; Deuteronomy 34:7).
- B. Elisha was willing to give his livelihood to serve God (1 Kings 19:19-21).
- C. Many were willing to give their lives (Hebrews 11:36-38; cf. Matthew 23:35-37).
- D. Like them, the Christian must be willing to give (Revelation 2:10).