### A Once & Future Hope

**Part 1 of 11** 

**Spiritual Living** 

## אָמוּנָה πίστις

## "the righteous will live by faith"

Habakkuk 2.4, Rom 1.17, Gal 3.11, Heb 10.38

# "But [the] righteous will live by steadfastness"

Habakkuk 2.4

# "But [a] righteous [man] will live based on confidence."

Rom 1.17, Gal 3.11, Heb 10.38

## אָמוּנָה πίστις

## Steadfastness Confidence

Then YHWH answered and said, "Record [the] vision, and clearly upon the tablets, so that the man announcing it runs [through it]. Because the vision is [a] testament to the appointed event, and [a] witness to the end, and [will] not prove false; if it dawdles, wait for it, because it will absolutely not be late.

Look, he whose life isn't right within him will faint; but [the] righteous will live by steadfastness."

#### Habakkuk 2.1-4

#### Abraham's Sacrifice

"Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

By demanding that Abraham offer his only legitimate son as a human sacrifice, God tests whether Abraham's faith will persist in the face of immensely powerful emotional and intellectual reasons to doubt and disobey. God's command would seem to violate and outrage both Abraham's natural love for his child and his trust in God's explicit promise that Isaac would be the means by which Abraham would become the father of many nations. The command perhaps also challenged all that Abraham thought he knew concerning the nature of God, for whom human sacrifice would have been unthinkable and monstrous.

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# Our steadfastness must not be limited to what we think God should ask of us.

"He considered that God is able to raise [people] even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type."

Heb 11.19 (NASB95)

## Abraham's Wisdom? YHWH's Righteousness?

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## Abraham's Wisdom. YHWH's Righteousness.

"Should I be concerned right now?"
"No, on all counts."

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## Sinners

"[God] desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2.4

Rom 1.30-31 (NASB95) "...filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, [and] unmerciful."

1 Cor 6.9b-10a

"...immoral [persons], idolaters, adulterers, homosexually cooperative [persons], homosexual instigators, thieves, greedy [persons], drunkards, abusers, and cheaters..."

2 Tim 3.2-4 (NASB95)

"men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without selfcontrol, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, [and] holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power."

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5.8

## Hope

"Little children, let's not love by word or by tongue, but in action and truth. And in this we'll know that we are of the truth. And we'll convince our heart, before Him, that if the heart would condemn us, that God is greater than our heart and knows everything. Beloved, if our heart can't condemn, we have confidence with God"

#### 1 John 3.18-21