

trust his own reason, he had no faith in his own wisdom, or goodness, or sufficiency, but he had "faith in God." He had, "*The faith of God.*" The true God was the centre of his faith, the centre of his soul. Whatever might come, under all trials and difficulties, not only in theory, but deep down in his heart he believed in the true God. The idea of the true and living God was a true and living reality to his faith. "Abrahamic faith" will not trust in reason. It renounces self. It believes in the true God. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is." It does and must lay a solid foundation right here. It admits of no rival, of no side issues, but centres in the true God.

ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD. He had as much faith in what God said as he had in God. When God spake, Abraham believed that He meant what He said, and relied on His word. We never find him criticising, explaining away the meaning of, speculating on, or toning down the Lord's word. He simply believed God's word and acted as if he believed it. He expected that God would do as he said. "Abrahamic faith" receives God's word as Abraham did. It is not in the nature of faith to modify the word of God, but to believe it, take hold of it and prove its truthfulness. Is it not just as possible for us to believe God as it was for Abraham? May not we, as well as he, be simple enough to believe all God says? It is not enough to believe that there is a God, we must "BELIEVE GOD."

ABRAHAM OBEYED GOD. He did this by faith. It was enough for Abraham to know that it was his God that called and commanded him. However dark the way before him, however contrary to his feelings the bidding, however difficult or arduous the work to be performed, it was enough for him to know that God directed him. He did not stop to argue the case, or even to ask what the outcome would be, but simply obeyed. When he was called to leave his country and his kindred, he obeyed and went out, "not knowing whither he went." He did not stop to inquire about the particulars of the journey, nor to ask how he should fare; neither did he send out spies to search out the way and the land, and report the distance and the difficulties, the "buts," the "ifs," and the "peradventures," he simply went, "not knowing whither he went." "Abrahamic faith" obeys promptly—shall I say, without asking questions? even when a great sacrifice is required—some "Isaac" is to be offered up. When faith can see the way open for only one more step in the way of God's bidding, it takes that step promptly and confidently. It deals with the present and leaves the future in God's care—obeys, and leaves results with God.

ABRAHAM BELIEVED THE PROMISE. What God promised to him he expected as assuredly as though it had come to pass. He considered Him faithful who promised. His faith brought future things nigh. He believed, no matter what seemed to stand in the way of the promise. His faith knew