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EARTHLY LIVING IN LIGHT OF HEAVEN

After Sarah's death and Isaac's marriage to Rebekah, Abraham continued living by faith for another 35 years and married Keturah; resulting in 6 more children, who gave him 7 grandchildren and 3 greats; before his death.

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¹¹ By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude — innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵ And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

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- We are called to include our children.

11 ⁹dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

- We are called to a heavenly city also.

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- We are called to have an eternal viewpoint.

2 CORINTHIANS 4 ¹⁶Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

- We are called to look ahead to better days.

2 CORINTHIANS 5 ¹ For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

- We are called to groan with desire not depression.

5 ² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,.... ⁴ For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

- We are called to know God prepared us for this.

5 ⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

- We are called to be confident about our absence.

5 ⁶ So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

- We are called to walk by faith not by sight.

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- We are called to be pleased with our future.

5 ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

- We are called to please the Lord not ourselves.

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ISAIAH 6 ¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy *is* the Lord of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”

⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ So I said:

“Woe *is* me, for I am undone!
Because I *am* a man of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
for my eyes have seen the King,
The Lord of hosts.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips;
your iniquity is taken away,
and your sin purged.”

⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

“Whom shall I send,
and who will go for Us?”

Then I said, “Here *am* I! Send me.”

GENESIS 16 ¹³ Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, “Have I also here seen Him who sees me?”

¹⁴ Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi;...

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

by James Milton Black - 1893

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over
on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

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On that bright and cloudless morning when
the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather to
their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Let us labor for the Master from
the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over, and our work
on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Written by a Sunday School Teacher, inspired by a child's absence.