

Learning from the Past We Look to the Future

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Introduction

1. Romans 15:4
2. It is necessary that we look at the past, History, so that we can learn from it and not repeat the same things. This is called learning
3. The same is true spiritually we learn from the past so that we will not tread in the same footsteps of those who made mistakes! We may want to walk in the footsteps of others who we know have been successful.
4. Let us study the past so that we can learn for the future.

II Discussion

1. God wants us to worship correctly
 - a. Genesis 4
 - b. Leviticus 10:1-2
 - c. 1 Samuel 13:9
 - d. John 4:24
2. God wants obedience
 - a. Noah built the ark according to God's direction
 - b. Notice the directions Genesis 6:14-21
 - c. Noah did what God wanted Genesis 6:22
 - d. Saul and what he did 1 Samuel 15:14, 22
3. God wants faith
 - a. Abraham was given a promise Genesis 12:1-3
 - b. He was told that he would have a son Genesis 15:4-6
 - c. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 Genesis 17:17; 18; 21:5
 - d. Abraham is told and offer that son Genesis 22:1-10;
 - e. The New Testament says of this event Hebrews 11:17-19
 - f. This is the kind of faith that God wants us to emulate Romans 4:
4. God wants repentance
 - a. Acts 17:30-31
 - b. David is a man after God's own heart Acts 13:22
 - c. When he sinned with Bathsheba he repented Psalm 51
5. God wants perseverance
 - a. Revelation 2:10
 - b. Job is an example James 5:11
 - c. All that Job endured Job 2:9
 - d. Yet he did not sin against God Job 2:10

III Conclusion

1. Let us worship correctly, obey God's commands, let us believe in all of God's promises, when we fail let us repent, and let us endure to the end.
2. What will you learn from the past?
3. If you have learned that you need to obey then now is the time
4. If you have learned that you need to repent and turn back to God then come.