

THESE ALL DIED IN FAITH...

Hebrews 11:13-16

INTRODUCTION:

A. The fulfillment of our faith is seldom accomplished while we are yet living.

- 1) Some things are, Isaac was born to Abraham and Sarah
- 2) Abraham's offering his son Isaac

B. The object of our faith goes beyond things in this life and reach beyond the grave.

- 1) We are looking for the eternal
- 2) We are looking for a city

I. Dying In Faith vs 13

A. *"These all died in faith, not having received the promises..."*

- 1) κατά = "in accordance with it's principles"
- 2) "died" = αποθνησκω = "to die"
- 3) "received" = κομιζω = "to obtain", "receive"
- 4) "It was faith they lived by, all of them, and in faith they died" KNOX

"Although they did not receive the blessings promised" WMS

B. *"...but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them..."*

- 1) "afar off" = πορρωθεν = "from a long distance"
- 2) "persuaded" = πειθω = "to be convinced of"

C. *"...and embraced them..."*

- 1) "embraced" = ασπάζονται = to greet

They hailed them from afar, as those on board ship descry friends on shore and wave a recognition (EGT), or they greet the fulfillment which is still far off as a wanderer who sees his home city arising on the horizon.

D. "...and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

- 1) "confessed" = ομολογῶ = "to say the same things"
- 2) "strangers" = ξενος = "a guest", "not of one's own family"
- 3) "pilgrims" = παρεπιδημος = "away from one's own people", "one who stays for awhile in a strange place"
- 4) "They only saw them far away and hailed them" MOF
"They freely admitted that they lived on this earth as foreigners and they had no permanent home on the earth"

II. The Declaration Of Faith vs 14

A. "For they that say such things..."

- 1) "For people that make such a profession..."
- 2) "Now people who speak in this way..."

B. "...declare plainly that they seek a country."

- 1) εμφανιζω = "to cause to be seen"
- 2) "seek" = επιζητουσιν = "to seek after"
- 3) "country" = πατριδα = "a fatherland"
- 4) "That they are seeking a homeland" RSV

III. The Homeland Of Faith vs 15-16

A. "And truly if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came..."

- 1) "mindful" = μνημονευω = "to remember", "to think much of a thing", "to recall to one's mind"
- 2) "...had been cherishing the memory" WMS
- 3) "...had been thinking with (homesick) remembrance..." AMP

B. "...they might have had opportunity to have returned."

- 1) "opportunity" = καιρος = "the right measure, "the right time", "the convenient time"
- 2) "returned" = ανακαμπτω = "to bend or turn up back", "to bind back"
- 3) "They had ample opportunity to return" PHI

C. "But now they desire a better country, that is an heavenly:"
vs 16

- 1) "but now" = νυν = "now", "the truth is"
- 2) "desire" = ορεγονται = "to yearn for" This indicates that it is a continual habitual attitude of life.
- 3) "better" = κρεισσω = "stronger", "more powerful"
- 4) "but, as it is, we see them eager for a better land" WEY

D. "...wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God:..."

- 1) "ashamed" = επαισχυνω = "to feel shame", "to shame one's self"
- 2) "And so it is no shame to God to be named their God" BAS

E. "...for he hath prepared for them a city."

- 1) "prepared" = ετοιμαζω = "to make ready"
- 2) "In fact, He has gotten a city ready for them" BER

IV. The Holy City

A. Prepared by Jesus

- 1) John 14:2 "I go to prepare a place for you..."