

Hebrews 11:8-10

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¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith Abraham, even though he was past age –
and Sarah herself was barren –
was enabled to become a father
because he considered him faithful
who had made the promise.

¹² And so from this one man,
and he as good as dead, came descendants
as numerous as the stars in the sky and
as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Hebrews 11:13-14

¹³ All these people were still living by faith
when they died.

They did not receive the things promised;
they only saw them and welcomed them
from a distance.

And they admitted that they were
aliens and strangers on earth.

¹⁴ People who say such things show that
they are looking for a country of their own.

¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him,
offered Isaac as a sacrifice.

He who had received the promises was
about to sacrifice his one and only son,
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“It is through Isaac that your offspring
will be reckoned.”

¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead,
and figuratively speaking,
he did receive Isaac back from death.

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in regard to their future.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying,
blessed each of Joseph's sons,
and worshiped as he leaned on top of his staff.

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spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt
and gave instructions about his bones.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see.

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Hebrews 6:17-18

¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly
to the heirs of the promise
the unchangeable character of his purpose,
he guaranteed it with an oath,
¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things,
in which it is impossible for God to lie,
we who have fled for refuge might have
strong encouragement to hold fast
to the hope set before us.

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Hebrews 9:8-10

By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing (which is symbolic for the present age).

According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

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“We are half-hearted creatures,
fooling about with drink and sex and ambition
when infinite joy is offered to us,
like an ignorant child who wants to go on
making mud pies in a slum
because he cannot imagine what is meant
by the offer of a holiday at the sea.”

~C. S. Lewis

Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven.
And we eagerly await a Savior from there,
the Lord Jesus Christ, who,
by the power that enables him to bring
everything under his control,
will transform our lowly bodies
so that they will be like his glorious body.

Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river
of the water of life, as clear as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
down the middle of the great street of the city.
On each side of the river stood the tree of life,
bearing twelve crops of fruit,
yielding its fruit every month.
And the leaves of the tree are for
the healing of the nations.
No longer will there be any curse.

Revelation 22:1-5

The throne of God and of the Lamb
will be in the city and his servants will serve him.

They will see his face,
and his name will be on their foreheads.

There will be no more night.
They will not need the light of a lamp
or the light of the suns,
for the Lord God will give them light.
And they will reign for ever and ever.