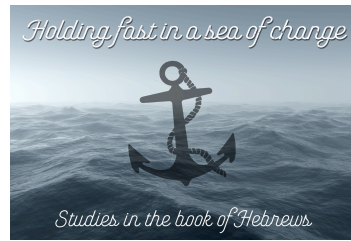


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<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> 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. **13** <sup>12</sup> And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. <sup>14</sup> For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup> Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. <sup>16</sup> And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.



The people in Hebrews chapter 11 remind us of the delicate balance between being invested in the places where we live, but not letting the places where we live dictate the values and priorities we live by.

“Spend this life only as a journey towards heaven; we should subordinate all other concerns of life. Why should we labor for, or set our hearts on, anything else, but that which is our proper end, and true happiness?” -*The Works of Jonathan Edwards* [Banner of Truth], 2:243-246

When our eyes are set on God and His Kingdom we won't always love or be driven by the same values of the world we live in. So we shouldn't be surprised when other people reject us and some of the ideas and values that shape our lives.

What can we do to bring God pleasure? When talking, use your words to proclaim your appreciation and allegiance to God and dedicate yourself to helping others enjoy the good things in life!

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