



Hebrews: God has spoken...

## 5. The Life of Faith

**Law**

**Faith**

God has spoken...

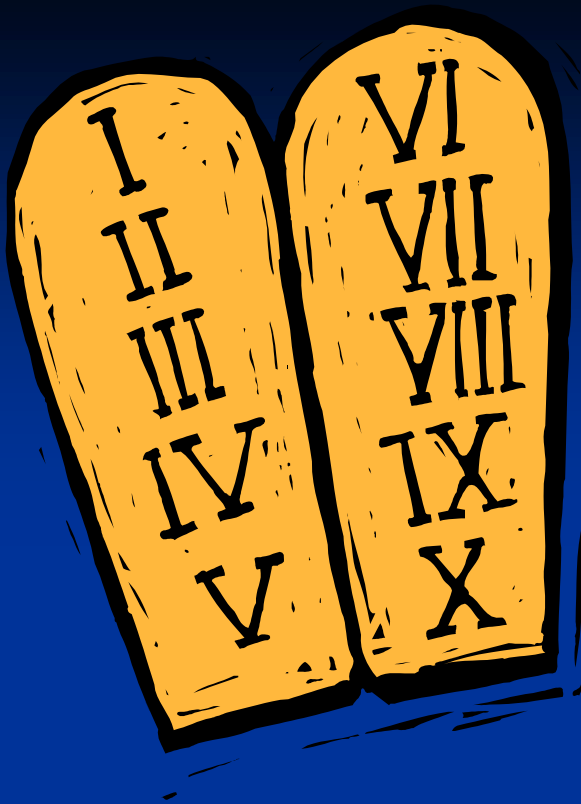


An open book is shown against a dark blue background. The right page is white and has the word "Faith" written on it in a white, serif font. The left page is also white but is completely obscured by a large, bright red 'X' with a white outline. A white line extends from the bottom-left corner of the red 'X' towards a text box.

Faith

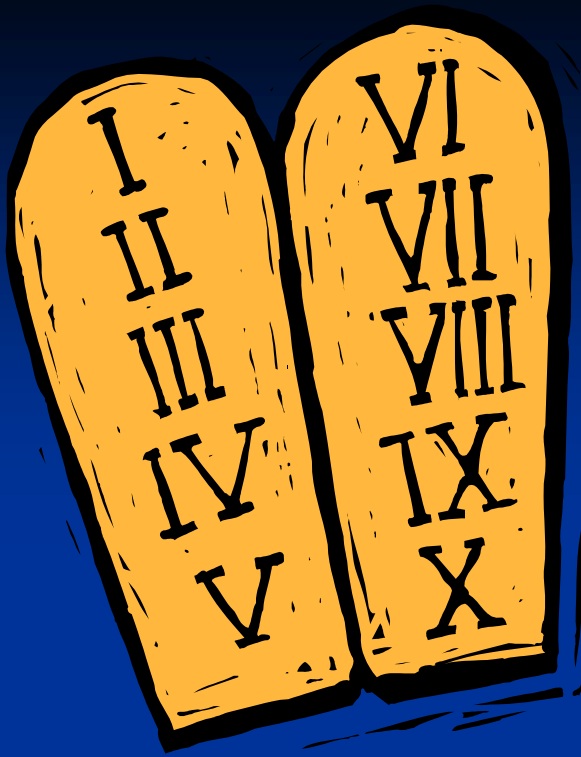
... if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law (Galatians 3:21).





For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in **all things** which are written in the book of the law, to do them” (Galatians 3:10).



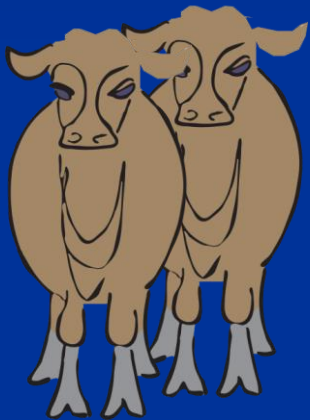


What purpose then does the law serve? It was **added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come** to whom the promise was made... (Galatians 3:19).

Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But **sin, that it might appear sin**, was producing death in me through what is good, so that **sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful** (Romans 7:13).



1. God cannot compromise His righteousness
2. None of the sacrifices had any efficacy
3. The Aaronic Priesthood was ineffective
4. Sinners are still sinners!



# Christ is the answer!

For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason he is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, **for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant**, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance (Hebrews 9:13–15). See also Romans 3:24-25.





Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but **with his own blood** he entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:11–12).



## Themes in Hebrews and Paul

# Sacrifice

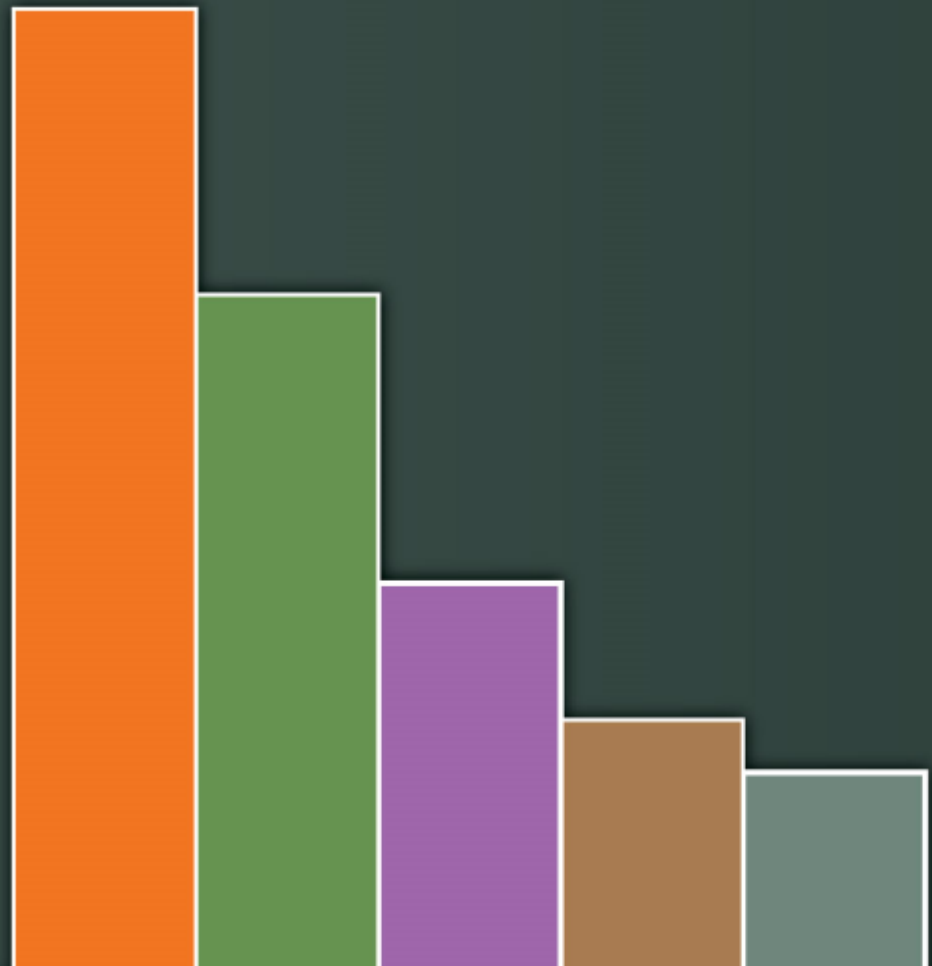
Hebrews

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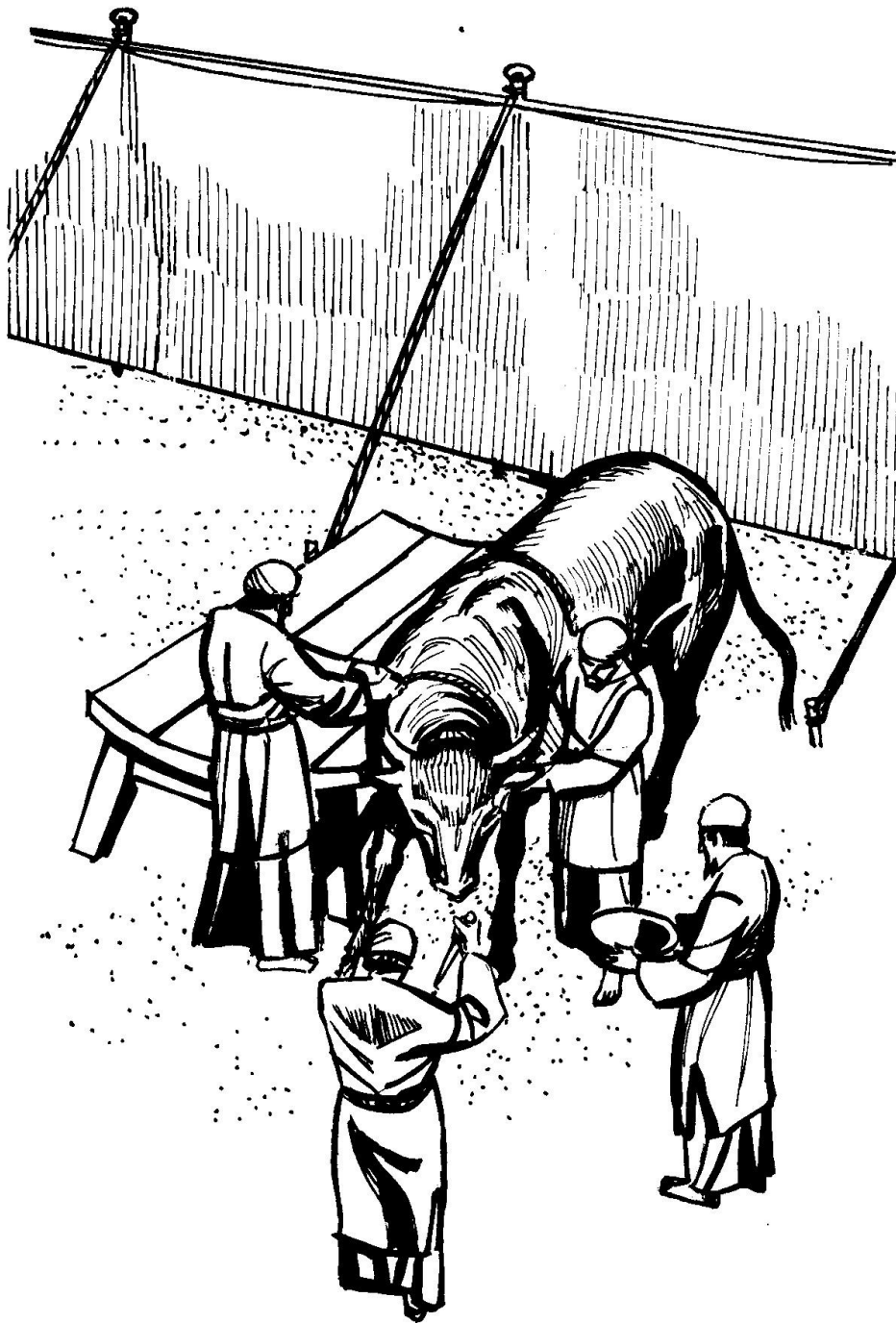
Ephesians

1-2 Corinthians

2 Timothy





For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect (Hebrews 10:1).



- 1 Sam. 15:22;
- Ps. 40:6;
- 50:8–10;
- 51:16–17;
- Prov. 21.3
- Isa. 1:10–12;
- Jer. 7:21–23;
- **Hos. 6:6;**
- Amos 5:21–23

**For I desire mercy  
and not sacrifice,  
and the knowledge  
of God more than  
burnt offerings.**





“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of me — to do Your will, O God’ ”

(Hebrews 10:5–7 citing Psalm 40:6-8).



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Hebrew term	Sacrifice
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<i>minha</i>	Meal Offering
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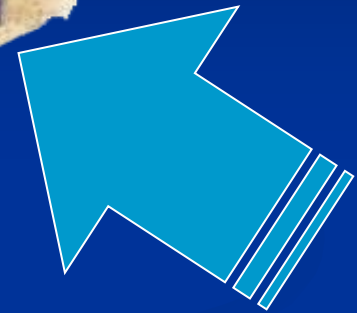
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Now these are the judgments which you shall set before them: If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing. If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever. (Exodus 21:1–6; Isaiah 50:5; Hebrews 10:5)





Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by **a new and living way which he consecrated for us**, through the veil, that is, his flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near (Hebrews 10:19–22).



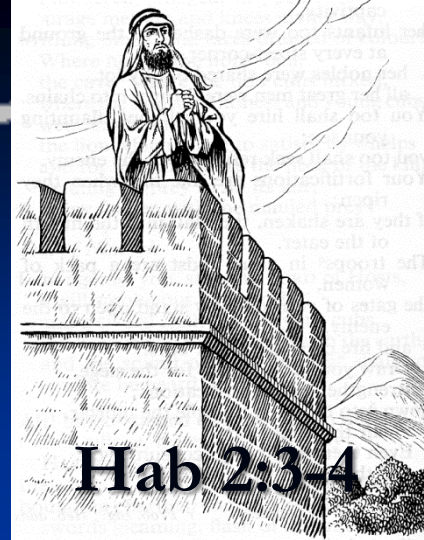


# Let Us...

1. Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
2. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
3. And **let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching (Hebrews 10:22–25).



# Full assurance of faith



Hab 2:3-4



Genesis 15:6

God has spoken...



... for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. Therefore **do not cast away your confidence**, which has great reward. For **you have need of endurance**, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: “For yet a little while, and he who is coming will come and will not tarry”. [Isaiah 26:20] (Hebrews 10:33–37).



God has spoken...



**“Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”** [Hab 2:3-4] But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who **believe** to the saving of the soul (Hebrews 10:38–39).



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# Faithful People

who saw the invisible

Abel

Sarah

Enoch

Jacob

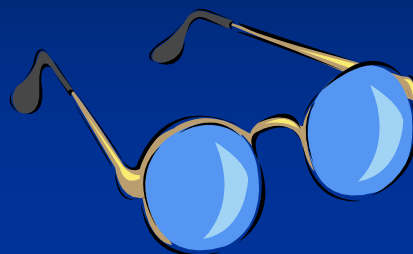
Noah

Isaac

11:21

Abraham

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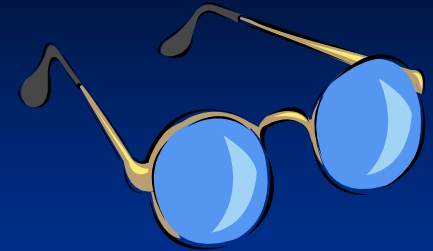


These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth... (Hebrews 11:13).



# Faithful People

Do we see the invisible?



For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But **if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance** (Romans 8:24–25).

...**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 (2 Corinthians 4:18).



# Abraham



Hebrews 11:8



11:9-11



11:12

**By faith Abraham...**



# Abraham



By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense (Hebrews 11:17–19).





# Moses



By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command... (Hebrews 11:23).



# Moses



By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward (Hebrews 11:24–26)

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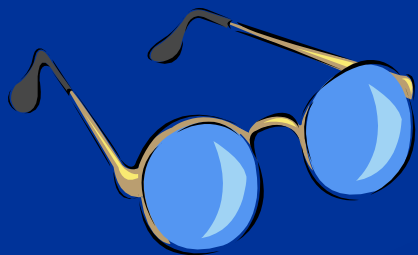
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# God's People



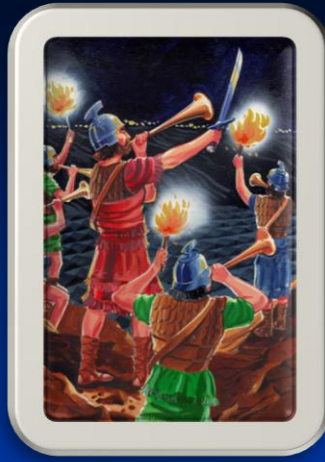
By faith **they** passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned (Hebrews 11:29).

The waters covered their enemies; there was not one of them left. **Then** they believed His words; they sang His praise (Psalm 106:11–12).

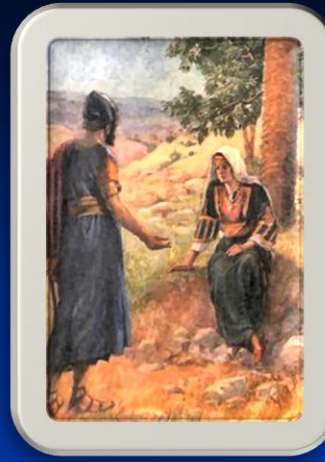




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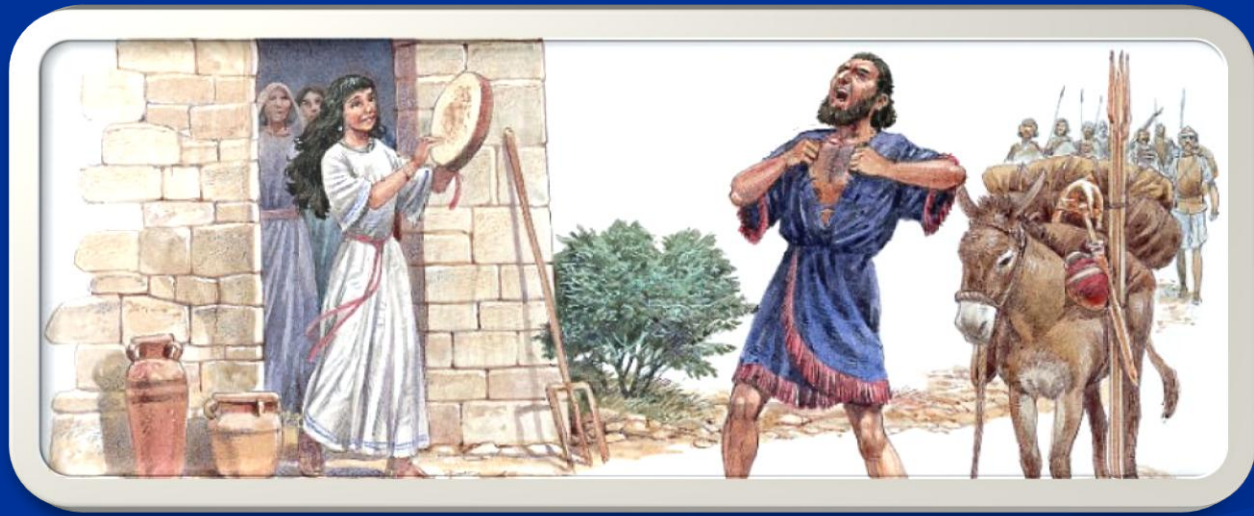
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David

...who through faith **subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens..**  
(Hebrews 11:33–34).

# Faith in Action!



Rahab



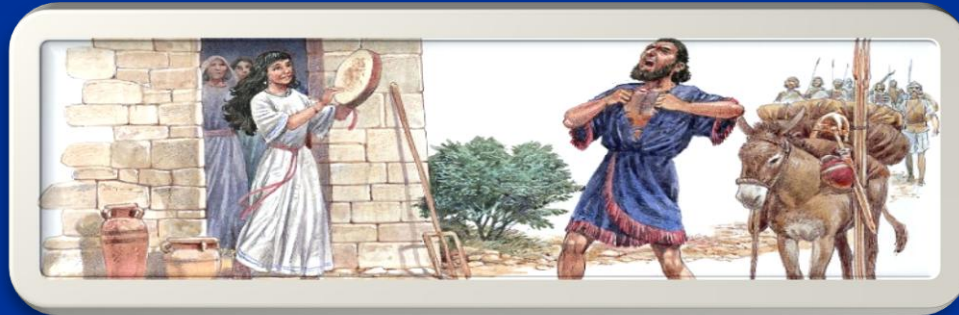
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Jephthah




David

- named and unnamed
- a great cloud of witnesses
- pilgrims on the path to perfection







And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, **God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us**

(Hebrews 11:39–40).

