

James 1:4 *“and let patience/endurance have its perfect result so that you may be perfect and completely lack nothing”.*

Heb 10:36 *“For you have need of patience/endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, **you may receive the promise.**”*

God is always doing two things at one time in our lives.

1. He is preparing the Promise for you.
2. He is preparing you for the promise.

Heb 11:8 *“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”*

James 4:4 *“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an **enemy** of God.”*

NLT *“If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.”*

Rev 3:20 *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”*

Acts 7:3 *“Get out of your country and from your relatives and come to a land that I will show you.”*

1. **Get out**
2. **Then I will show you.**

One way we know if we are growing as a Christian is when your *passion* for the world is dying and your *passion* for Him is growing.

James 4:4 *“Adulterers and[fn] adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”*

Vs 5 *Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?*

“Is what God has for you more important than where you are”

“Do you love the world so much that you are willing to lose and walk away from your destiny.”

Heb 13:13 “Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.”

Vs 14 “For here we have no continuing **city**, but we seek the one to come.”

Heb 11:8 “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”

Heb 11:10 “for he waited for the **city** which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

Heb 11:16 “But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a **city** for them.”

Heb 12:12 “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the **city** of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,”

Vs 14 “For here we have no continuing **city**, but we seek the one to come.”

What city do you dwell in?

Rev 18:1-5 “After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

Tools

[Rev 18:2](#) And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

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[Rev 18:3](#) “For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.”

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[Rev 18:4](#) And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

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[Rev 18:5](#) “For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

We see a tale of two cities, which one do you want to live in?

Babylon is a religious political environment.

Heb 13:13 “Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.”

Heb 11:24-27 “By faith Moses, when he had come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

[Heb 11:25](#) Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Heb 11:26 *Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

Heb 11:27 *By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.*

Moses left the old to discover what God had for him.

Abraham left the old to discover what God had for him.

1st *“Your life of faith will require a **leaving** of worldliness.
Desires and actions that conflict with God.*

2nd *Your life of faith will require a **living** “*

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;” **Heb 11:9**

He left, then he lived, in the land of promise!

But, he is living as an alien and foreigner in the middle of a promise!

Jn 14:2 *“In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to **prepare a place** for you.”*

If we leave and live in faithful obedience the sooner, we obtain the promise.

Heb 11:13 *“These all died in faith, although they had not received the things that were promised. But they saw them from a distance, greeted them, and confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth.*

Realize two things God is accomplishing in us at the same time.

-He is grooming us for this life to live out to glorify Him and

-He is grooming us for the life and age to come, and both are

Interconnected and related to one another.

2 Cor 5:4-5 *“For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has **prepared** us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

Vs 7 *“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”*

God knows exactly what He is doing in our dual preparation in this life.

1. Abraham **left** the world

Heb 11:8 *“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out”*

His Deliverance

Gal 1:4 *who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil **age**, according to the will of our God and Father,”*

1. Abraham **lived** in the arena of the promise,

Heb 11:9 “By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country”

His Development

Growing through the preparations that God carefully crafted and directed for his development.

Because how we are developed in this life affects the next one.

Eph 1:21 “(Christ) far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this **age** but also in that which is to come.”

Titus 2:12 “teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present **age**,”

2. Abraham **looked**

Heb 11:10 “For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

His Destiny

Heb 6:5 “and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the **age** to come,”

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This is Key!

If you learn to look at heaven you will live better on earth.

Col 3:2 “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

If you stop looking at heaven and only look at earth, you will be looking through bad glasses.

2 Cor 4:4 “whose minds the god of this **age** has blinded,”

Acts 26:18 “to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of **Satan** to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”

Deliverance
Development
Destiny

