

Xtreme Faith. Week 3

“Faith in God’s Promise and Provision” Hebrews 11:13-16

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Introduction: “Faith is the “X” factor:

1. to envision the Journey of the great Community of Faith
2. to look beyond the present to see God’s future
3. to experience God in prayer and worship now

I. Living by Xtreme Faith and Vision (11:13)

A. Faith vision is not bound by death.

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B. Faith vision believes in God’s promised future.

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C. Faith vision has a greater identity in God’s Kingdom admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

II. Longing for God’s Kingdom. (11:14-16a)

A. Faith that longs for God’s Kingdom (14) ¹⁴ *People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.*

B. Faith that is forward looking, not nostalgic (15). ¹⁵ *If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.*

C. Faith in something better, a Heavenly reign (16a) ¹⁶ *Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.*

III. God will delight in our worship in His City (11:16b)

Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Conclusion:

- *Extreme faith leads us to see God’s plan unfold.*
- *By faith we overcome rejection and disappointment in the world.*
- *By faith believe our longing for God will be satisfied.*

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Questions:

1. When you think of someone of strong faith who died with great hope and assurance, who comes to mind? What made their faith so strong?
2. Why is it important not to get too discouraged with the problems of our times when it comes to trusting God? How does this passage help you?
3. Is it possible for any country on earth to fulfill this passage of hope in God’s Kingdom? Why not? How does this help believers in Christ realize that they are not always understood or accepted?
4. What are some of the dangers of putting too much hope in temporal leaders, politics, and governments?
5. What dangers are there of not being active and responsible citizens while we long for and prepare the way for God’s Kingdom?
6. What do you imagine the Kingdom of God on earth will be like when God brings for the prepared city of the New Jerusalem?