

A close-up photograph of an open Bible. A magnifying glass is positioned over the word 'Hebrews' in the title of a chapter. The text is slightly out of focus, but the word 'Hebrews' is prominent. Below it, some verses are visible, including 'The Son Superior to Angels' and 'and the heavens are the work of your hands'.

# Hebrews

## Word on Wednesday - Study on the book of Hebrews

## OVERVIEW OF HEBREW

### HEBREWS – THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

#### SUPREMACY OVER OT OFFICES C1-7

OT OFFICES

C 1-2

**Messenger;**

from God to man  
such as angels & prophets

C 3-4

**Deliverer;**

of God for man  
such as Moses & Joshua

C 5-7

**Mediator;**

between God & man such as Priesthood;

#### SUPREMACY OVER OT ORDERS C8-10

OT ORDER

C 8 Covenant

C 9 Tabernacle

C 10 Sacrifice

#### SUPREMACY IN THE SAINTS C11-13

THROUGH FAITH

C11

Faith defined

C12

Faith developed

C13

Faith demonstrated

## OVERVIEW OF HEBREWS

### HEBREWS – THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

#### SUPREMACY OVER OT OFFICES C1-7

OT OFFICES  
C 1  
Messenger;  
from God to man  
such as angel & prophets  
C 3  
Deliverer;  
of God for man  
such as Moses & Joshua  
C 5  
Mediator;  
between God & man such as Priesthood;

#### SUPREMACY OVER OT ORDERS C8-10

OT ORDER  
C 8 Covenant  
C 9 Tabernacle  
C 10 Sacrifice

#### SUPREMACY IN THE SAINTS C11-13

THROUGH FAITH  
**C11**  
**Faith defined**  
C12  
Faith developed  
C13  
Faith demonstrated

11 Now **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

3 By **faith** we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. 4 By **faith** Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through **faith**, though he is dead, he still speaks. 5 By **faith** Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. 6 And without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. 7 By **faith** Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to **faith**.

**Definition of faith**

**Result of faith**

**Application of faith**

**Illustrations of faith**

**Abel**

**How you give matters!**

**Enoch**

**Why you walk matters!**

**Noah**

**What you work matters!**

Heb 11:8 **By faith Abraham**, when he was **called**, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he dwelt in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, for he was an alien in the land of promise; 10 for he **believed** even **Sarah** was faithful who had borne him when he was old, for he thought that he would have children. 12 Therefore he was not weak in faith when he considered the stars of heaven, for he was fully persuaded that he had many descendants as he was, for he was fully persuaded that what he said was true. 13 **All these things** came upon him because of his faith, and he did not waver in what he promised himself, for those who say such things make it of themselves, and not of God's promise. 14 For he considered that he was a stranger and sojourner in the land of promise, for he desired a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore he is called **the friend of God**; for He is called **the friend of God**. 15 **By faith Abraham** offered up Isaac, his only son; for he considered that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, for he saw him lying at his feet. 16 By faith **Isaac** obeyed when he was called to go away, for he did not know what he was to do. 17 **By faith Jacob** wrestled with the angel, and he was blessed at the place where he wrestled. 18 By faith **Joseph**, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

**V8-22 = Abraham and Family**

**God-centred faith as seen in:**

**Walk as He directs**

**Wait as He desires**

**Worship as He determines**

**V23-29 = Moses: Faith seen in his choices**

**Testimony or Titles**

**Wilderness or Wonderland**

**V30-40 = Paradoxes of Faith**

**Unexpected Individuals**

**Unexpected Situations**

**Unexpected Outcomes**

Questions

and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; 36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

**39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised,** 40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.



Ver. 39. **And all these received not the promise**, etc.—*This sentence refers not merely to the persons mentioned from ver. 35 (Schlicht., Storr), but to the whole body collectively (alike named and unnamed) of those whose faith has procured for them the good report which they have in the Old Testament. The participial clause must be resolved by although, not by since; for, in the connection, the sense of the clause cannot be that the ancients did not receive the promise because the faith which, in its nature, appertains to the future and the invisible, did not procure for them their good report. The statement, rather, is, that, notwithstanding the glory which they derived from their faith, they still did not obtain the promise. The singular τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν shows that the author is speaking not of special and individual promises, and which in fact have not remained unfulfilled, but of*

**35 Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;**

Lange, J. P., Schaff, P., Moll, C. B., & Kendrick, A. C. (2008). A commentary on the Holy Scriptures: Hebrews (p. 195). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.



11:39–40. In a concluding summary the writer pointed out that the great heroes of faith he had spoken of had not yet realized their eschatological hopes. This fact shows that God had planned something better for them and us. It is indeed “better for us” that the future hopes they strove toward be delayed, since only thus could believers enjoy the present experience of becoming companions of the Messiah who leads them to glory. As a result, the perfecting (cf. 10:14; 12:23) of the Old Testament worthies—that is, the realization of their hopes—awaits that of all believers.

Hodges, Z. C. (1985). . In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, p. 809). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

Hodges, Z. C. (1985). Hebrews. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, p. 809). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

(11:39, 40) *Expositor's* has a good note on these verses: “ ‘And these all,’ that is, those who have been named in this chapter, ‘although they had witness borne to them through their faith,’ as has been recorded (vv. 2–38), ‘did not receive the promise,’ that is, as already said in verse 13, they only foresaw that it would be fulfilled and died in that faith. But this failure to obtain the fulfilment of the promise was not due to any slackness on the part of God nor to any defect in their faith; there was a good reason for it, and that reason was that ‘God had in view some better thing for us, that without us they should not be perfected.’ The ‘better thing’ is that which this Epistle has

13 All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen and welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

*And the perfecting of the people of God under the Old Testament is said to have been impossible, not as might have been expected ‘apart from the Son,’ but ‘without us,’ because the writer has in view the history of the Church, the relation of the people of God in former times to the same people in Messianic times.” Alford adds: “The Advent and work of Christ has changed the estate of the Old Testament fathers and saints into greater and perfect bliss; an inference which is forced on us by many other places in Scripture. So that **their perfection was dependent on our perfection**: their and our perfection was all brought in at the same time, when Christ ‘by one offering perfected forever those who are sanctified.’ So that the result with regard to them is, **that their spirits**, from the time when Christ descended into Hades and ascended up into heaven, **enjoy heavenly blessedness, and are waiting with all who have followed their glorified High Priest within the veil, for the resurrection of their bodies, the Regeneration, the renovation of all things.**”*

Wuest, K. S. (1997). (Vol. 10, pp. 211-212). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

Wuest, K. S. (1997). *Wuest's word studies from the Greek New Testament: for the English reader* (Vol. 10, pp. 211–212). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; 36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

**39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised,** 40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us **they would not be made perfect.**

## OVERVIEW OF HEBREWS

### HEBREWS – THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

SUPREMACY  
OVER OT OFFICES  
C1-7

SUPREMACY  
OVER OT ORDERS  
C8-10

SUPREMACY  
IN THE SAINTS  
C11-13

OT OFFICES

OT ORDER

#### Faith Developed

V1-3

3 important attitudes in running the race of faith

V4-17

4 important relationships that will help in the race

V18-24

Only by Grace

V25-29

Be Gratitude

THROUGH FAITH

C11

Faith defined

**C12**

**Faith**

**developed**

C13

Faith demonstrated

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

### **Context**

After defining and illustrating the subject of faith in C11.

Therefore = connects C11 to C12.

V1-3 lists the attitudes we need in our faith journey.

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us**, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.  
3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

### **Run the race: 3 attitudes listed**

- 1. It is worth it.**
- 2. I am determined to do it.**
- 3. I know I can made it**



Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us,

Run the race: 3 attitudes listed

1. It is worth it.

*V1 cloud of witnesses surrounding us*  
= intimidating or inspiring

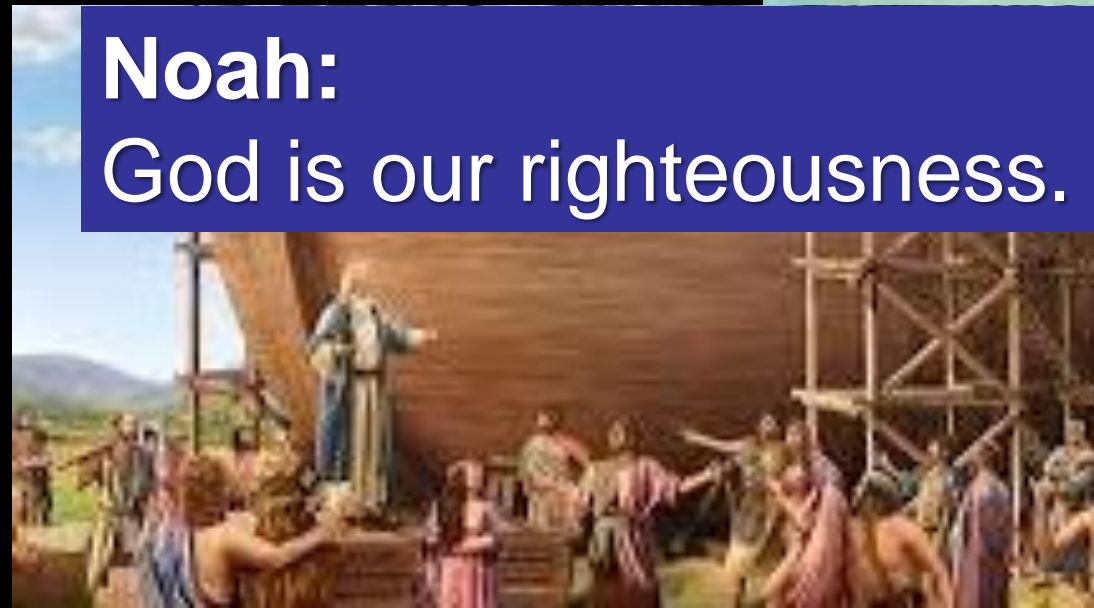
WHAT ARE THEY WITNESSING?



**Abel:**  
God is our sacrificial lamb.



**Enoch:**  
God is our  
constant  
companion.



**Noah:**  
God is our righteousness.





**Abraham:**  
God is a Multi-Gen  
Bless-er



**Sarah:**  
God brought life to  
my barrenness.

**Isaac:**  
God provided.



**Joseph:**  
God brought me  
home.



**Moses:**  
God parted my  
Red Sea



**Rahab:**  
God remembered  
those others rejected.



30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down..  
31 By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish

3 Paradoxes of Faith:

32 And what

tell of Gideon, Barak  
the prophets, 33 wh  
righteousness, obta  
quenched the powe  
weakness were mad  
armies to flight. 35 V  
and others were tort  
might obtain a bette  
mockings and scour  
They were stoned, t  
were put to death w  
goatskins, being des  
world was not worth  
and holes in the gro  
39 And all these, ha  
receive what was promised, 40 because God had provided something  
better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

10 positive outcomes:

- 1. God helped to conquer kingdoms,
- 2. God performed acts of righteousness,
- 3. God enabled me to obtain promises,
- 4. God shut the mouths of lions,
- 5. God quenched the power of fire,
- 6. God helped me to escape the edge of the sword,
- 7. God empowered the weak,
- 8. God raised me to become mighty in war,
- 9. God put foreign armies to flight.
- 10. God raised the dead for women....

ected situation  
Faith via 10  
tcomes.  
sight.  
eeded from  
at bad  
eg invading  
promising  
own into lion  
d-19 .. etc

and others were tortured, not accepting their

### 3 Paradoxes of Faith:

#### 10 negative outcomes:

1. Even when tortured,
2. Even when not release..
3. Even when experienced mocking & scourging,
4. Even with chains and imprisonment.
5. Even when stoned,
6. Even when they were sawn in two,
7. Even when they were tempted,
8. Even when put to death with the sword;
9. Even when destitute, afflicted, ill-treated
10. Even when they didn't receive what was promised

expected  
ome

dling

answered prayers:

oortant truths

ime and Season.

od gives the

est.

od guarantees

ultimate victory.

so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us,

Run the race: 3 attitudes listed

1. It is worth it.

*V1 cloud of witnesses surrounding us*

= They are forerunners. They did it.

= They are witnessing to us that it is worth it.

= The sacrifices are worth it.

= The sufferings are worth it.

This is the BEST Race to be in.....  
Because GOD IS GREAT!



Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

## Run the race: 3 attitudes listed

2. I am determined to do it

V1 *lay aside every encumbrance*

= our past success or failure

V1 *the sin that entangles us*

= not the obvious ones

V1 *run with endurance*

= implies not sprint

2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the *author and perfecter* of faith, who for *the joy set before Him* endured the cross, despising the shame, and has *sat down at the right hand of the throne of God*.

3 For consider Him who has *endured such hostility* by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**Run the race: 3 attitudes listed**

3. I know I can make it

Because of Jesus. He will help me.

*V2 fixing our eyes on Jesus*

= Focus on Him ONLY

2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the *author and perfecter* of faith, who for *the joy set before Him* endured the cross, despising the shame, and has *sat down at the right hand of the throne of God*.

3 For consider Him who has *endured such hostility* by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

#### 4 things about Jesus

**Person;** *author & perfecter = Christianity is all about Him*

**Passion:** *joy set before Him = Christ was focussed on  
Something better*

**Pre-eminence:** *@right hand of God = Christ is exalted*

**Perseverance:** *endured hostility = Christ went through suffering*

**So that** *you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us**, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

## Run the race: 3 attitudes listed

1. It is worth it.
2. I am determined to do it.
3. I know I can make it

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**A Father's Discipline**

4 You have not yet resisted to the point of exhaustion the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons.

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord. Nor faint when you are reproved by Him, for He deals with you as with sons, and He disciplines you as He disciplines His only son.”

6 For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines. And He scourges every son whom He receives.

**Faith Developed**

V1-3

3 important attitudes in running the race of faith

V4-17

4 important relationships that will help in the race

7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. 11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; 5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,

“My son, do not regard lightly the **discipline** of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him;

6 For those whom the Lord loves He **disciplines**, And He scourges every son whom He receives.”

Can you see the 4 relationships?

7 It is for **discipline** that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not **discipline**? 8 But if you are without **discipline**, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to **discipline** us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they **disciplined** us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He **disciplines** us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. 11 All **discipline** for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

12 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; 16 that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. 17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; 5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,

“My son, do not regard lightly the **discipline** of the Lord,  
Nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him;

6 For those whom the Lord loves He **disciplines**,  
And He scourges every son whom He receives.”

At difficult times,  
focus on key relationships  
le God, self, others, things.

7 It is for **discipline** that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not **discipline**? 8 But if you are without **discipline**, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to **discipline** us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they **disciplined** us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He **disciplines** us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. 11 All **discipline** for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

12 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; 16 that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. 17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.



4 You **have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood** in your striving against sin; 5 and you **have forgotten** the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,

“**My son**, do not regard lightly the **discipline** of the **Lord**,  
Nor faint when you are reprovved by **Him**;

6 For those whom the **Lord** loves He **disciplines**,  
And **He** scourges every son whom He receives.”

1. Pursue right relationship with **God**:

V4-5

Difficult times but not extreme yet.

V5-6 // Prov 3:11-12

Don't assume all disciplines are bad. God uses discipline on His children too.

6 For those whom the Lord loves He **disciplines**,  
And He scourges every son whom He receives.”

7 It is for **discipline** that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not **discipline**? 8 But if you are without **discipline**, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to **discipline** us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. 11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

6 For those whom the Lord loves He **disciplines**,  
And He scourges every son whom He receives.”

7 It is for **discipline** that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not **discipline**? 8 But if you are without **discipline**, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to **discipline** us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. 11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

## 2 key thoughts on DISCIPLINE:

**= Reason for discipline V6-9**

*Discipline is to train, educate, develop us for growth.*

**= Result for discipline V10-11**

*Share in His Holiness...Yield peaceful fruit of Righteousness*

12 **Therefore**, **strengthen** the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

## 2. Pursue right relationship with **SELF**:

*V12 Therefore*

= In the light of the reason and result for discipline

= there is a need for application for self

*How to strengthen?*

= know the THEREFORE

*But why “bad things” happened to good people? - PTO*

12 **Therefore**, **strengthen** the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

*But why “bad things” happened to good people?*

1. Refine us our character.
2. Recognise reality of life. Not always fine.
3. Draw closer to God.
4. Live as a testimony that God is always good.
5. Comfort others.
6. Understand the will of God – reason for disciplines.
7. Can be blessed even in difficult times – results for disciplines.

12 **Therefore**, **strengthen** the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, 13 and **make straight** paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

2. Pursue right relationship with **SELF**:

*V12 Strengthen hands n knees*

= Know the THEREFORE ie importance of discipline.

*V13 Straighten the paths for feet*

= Do the right things.

= Don't be compromised.

*V13 Be healed*

= Outcome of Strengthening and Straightening – rely on God.

= Don't allow the past to affect you further ie *put out of joint*.

14 **Pursue peace with all men**, and **the sanctification** without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that **no one** comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

### 3. Pursue right relationship with OTHERS:

*V14 Peace with all men?*

- = Is it even possible?
- = Emphasis is not on possibility.
- = Emphasis is on obedience.
- = People are important to God.
- = It does not mean we close our eyes to the wrong.
- = Peace and Sanctification are interconnected.



14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

3. Pursue right relationship with OTHERS:

V14 *see the Lord*

= not limited to physical seeing.

= includes realisation & revelation.

Make peace quickly.

Don't expect the same from others.

WHY QUICKLY?

15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God;  
that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and  
by it many be defiled;

3. Pursue right relationship with OTHERS:

*V15 defilement from root of bitterness*

= due to absence of peace

= without sanctification, gives space for root of bitterness to  
grow

= *God is the ultimate JUDGE.*

16 that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. 17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

4. Pursue right relationship with THINGS:

*V16 sold his own birthright for a single meal.*

*V17 desired to inherit the blessing.*

16 that there be no immoral or godless person like **Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal**. 17 For you know that even afterwards, when he **desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected**, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

#### 4. Pursue right relationship with **THINGS**:

Esau (as known to Man)

= *Man's Man*

= *Great hunter*

= *Prime of life*

= *Strengths and Skills*

= *Grandson of Abraham*

= *Yet low view of Birthright*

Esau (as known to God)

= *Godless Man*

= *Heart is far from God*

= *No regards for God*

16 that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. 17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

#### 4. Pursue right relationship with THINGS:

Esau (as known to Man)

= *Man's Man*

= *Great hunter*

= *Prime of life*

= *Strengths and Skills*

= *Grandson of Abraham*

= *Yet low view of Birthright*

Esau (as known to God)

= *Godless Man*

= *Heart is far from God*

= *No regards for God*

**How we value certain things  
reflect our worship of God.**

16 that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. 17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

#### 4. Pursue right relationship with THINGS:

Esau (as known to Man)  
= *Man's Man*  
= *Great hunter*  
= *Prime of life*  
= *Strengths and Skills*  
= *Grandson of Abraham*  
= *Yet low view of Birthright*

Esau (as known to God)  
= *Godless Man*  
= *Heart is far from God*  
= *No regards for God*

**What could be our birthright today?**