

P.M. NOTES
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"BETTER RESURRECTION"

(6:40) "SOMETHING BETTER"
(2:24) "BETTER THINGS"

(Hebrews 11:32-40)

INTRODUCTION

"Faith" - firm persuasion; confidence; trust; assurance; hope; it is my conviction that God's promises will be fulfilled; (see v1).

(v2) "For by it elders (men of old) obtained a good report (divine approval, good testimony)"

(v3) The author takes us back to creation.

(v4-32) Lists many of the O.T. people who illustrated "faith."

(v33-38) Lists added examples of the trials they "faithfully" endured.

1. (v35) "Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection."

"Women received their dead" - (1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:18-37)
Luke 7:11-17; John 11:38-44)

"Others were tortured, not acceptance deliverance" - chose "torture" and not choosing "deliverance" by giving up their faith.

"Obtain a better resurrection" - is the one of the faithful in comparison to the one of the unfaithful in the great judgment day. (John 5:29)
They would not be unfaithful and forfeit that which is of eternal value.

2. (v39-40) "And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, ... not be made perfect apart from us."

"Better" - it's the completion of God's work in Christ Jesus, and includes all of the other "better" things listed in the letter: (7:19) "better hope" (7:22) "better testament" (8:6) "better covenant ... better promises" (10:34) "better and enduring substance" (11:16) "better country" (11:35) "better resurrection"

"Did not receive the promise ... not made perfect apart from us" (see v13)

They did receive some promises: (6:15) "he obtained the promise" and (v33-38).

"the promise" - (Heb. 9:15) "And for this reason He is the mediator of the new covenant, that 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."

(12:1-2) Just as the OT faithful had to run their race, we must run ours, too, and we all long for the end, the consummation of all things.

3. (12:24) "to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better things than that of Abel."

This is a contrast: N.T. vs. O.T; blood of Jesus vs. blood of bulls and goats; and Jesus vs. Moses (see 3:1-3).

Added note: (Hebrews 10:4, v11-12, v14; Romans 7:4, v6)