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**"BETTER RESURRECTION"**

(Hebrews 11:32-40)

(v40) "SOMETHING BETTER"  
(12:24) "BETTER THINGS"

**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)