

## THE LONG LOOK Pt 2 Heb. 13:13-16

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Last week we examined some of the choices of men like Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham & Moses: And saw that: Their Focus affected their Faith (Jn 10:10a; Col. 3:2; Heb. 11:1); and their Faith affected their Future and Fulfilment! (Jn 10:10b; Col. 3:3,4; Heb. 11:13-16)

What's involved in focusing on the "Long Look?" (*Beginning with an End in view*)

### 1. A LONG LOOK BEGINS WITH A PROMISE Vs 13

The Long Look Is Unlikely Without A Hope Of Reward. (Heb. 11:7)

#### A. The Promise Must Be Perceived *"Having seen them afar off"...*

1) The word "seen" (eido) means to recognize, know, understand (See 2 Peter 1:4)

#### B. The Promise Must Be Believed *"persuaded of them"*

1) Peitho: (root word for faith) *persuaded*, convinced, to rely on (Trust) Ro 4:20,21

➤ **Ro 8:38** *"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

#### C. The Promise Must Be Received *"and embraced them"* aspaz'omai

from a: (union) and spao: (to draw together) it means to enfold, welcome, embrace!

How do you know if you've truly "Embraced" the promises of God?

### 2. THE LONG LOOK REQUIRES PARTICIPATION

#### A. True Faith requires, and is revealed by, Obedient ACTION!

Heb. 11:1 *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence (proof) of things not seen"*

Jms 2:18 *"I will shew thee my faith by my works...."*

20 *But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"*

#### B. Faith Is Not Passive Indifference, But Active Obedience.

1) Faith involves recognizing God's will, and obediently responding (cooperating) with Him to accomplish it! (Phil. 2:13) 1 Cor 3:9 *"we are laborers together with God:"*

##### a) Jesus consistently modeled this.

1) After meeting with the woman at the well of Samaria, he told his disciples that:

*"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work,"* John 4:34

2) There were a lot of sick people at the pool of Bethesda (Jn 5:3) but he found *"a certain man... which had an infirmity 38 years."* (Vs 5) When he was asked why he did so he said:

*"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work,"* Vs 17

### 3. THE LONG LOOK INVOLVES A PILGRIMAGE

*"They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" vs 13*

Parepid'ēmos: resident foreigners

#### A. We Must Recognize Our Allegiance To A Heavenly City. (vs 16)

Phil. 3:15 *"our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven..."*

Col 1:12-13 *"the Father... hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:*

*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son::*

1 Pt 2:9 *"ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"*

**B. We must Resist The Entanglements Of This World. (*"snares of the devil."* 2 Tim. 2:26)**

Heb. 11:14 *"If they had been mindful of (focused on) that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned."*

1 Peter 2:11 *"I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul."*

2 Tim 2:1, 3,4 *"Be strong in grace... Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him..."*

2 Cor 6:17 *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord..."*

Eph. 5:8-11 *"ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."*

**4. THE LONG LOOK REQUIRES PATIENCE Heb. 10:36**

**A. Noah worked and waited 120 years for the flood.**

**B. Abraham Waited 100 Years For Isaac.**

**C. Isaac Waited 75 Years For Jacob**

**D. Moses Waited 120 Years To See The Promised Land.**

**E. David Waited 15 Years (after being anointed King) To Sit On The Throne.**

**F. Paul Waited 3 Years To Preach. (Gal. 1:18)**

Hebrews 10:36 *"For ye have need of patience, that, after you've done the will of God, ye might receive the promise"*

James 1:2-4 *"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting (lacking) nothing."*

2 Cor 4:16-18 *"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."*

**Shifting our focus from the Temporary to the Eternal involves:**

**1) Grasping (Embracing) the Promises of God.**

*Are you Recognizing and Responding to them? (Eph. 6:16,17; 2 Peter 1:4)*

**2) Acting on the Directions of God. (Mt 7:24-27; Lk 6:46)**

*Has God has asked anything of you that you're currently ignoring? (disobeying)*

**3) Being Loyal to the Kingdom of God.**

*Does Christ have your complete allegiance? (Luke 9:26; Phil. 3:18-20)*

**4) Being Patient with the Will of God.**

*Have you grown "weary with well doing"?*

*(Mal. 3:14; Lk 9:62; Jn 6:67; 1 Cor. 15:58; Gal. 6:9; Heb. 10:36-38)*

**What "End" do you have in view? (Mt. 25:19-21 or 24-28; Phil. 3:15)**