

Our reading:
Hebrews 11:8-16

Hebrews 11:6, “...But 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 **diligently** seek Him.
[diligence defined]

Diligence is like Faith Plus:

2Peter 1:5, “... But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue...”

2Peter 1:10, “... Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble...”

[diligent= earnestness, to exert oneself, zeal, a working or a craft...]

Diligent in use:

1Thes 2:17, “... But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, **endeavored more eagerly** to see your face with great desire...”

(Luke 1:39), Mary made haste ...)

[Our reading notice ‘words’]

Hebrews 11:8-16:

In our reading notice three words or ideas:

Faith; a precious promise

Diligence; the earnestness in which we live our Faith

A pilgrim spirit; this life is temporary! (**Heb. 11:8-9**)

Hebrews 11:8-9, “ ... By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. **By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise...”**

(Jeremiah 35:7)

Jeremiah 35:7, “... You shall not build a house, sow seed, plant a vineyard, nor have any of these; but all your days you shall dwell in tents, that you may live many days in the land where **you are sojourners** nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; nor do we have vineyard, field, or seed. But we have **dwelt in tents**, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us...” (**1Peter 1:1**)

1Peter 1:1, “... Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, **To the pilgrims** (sojourners) of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...”

2Peter 1:12, “... **For this reason** I will not be **negligent to remind you** always of these things, **though you know** and are established in the present truth...”]

(2Peter 1:12-15)

2Peter 1:12-15, “... Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, **to stir you up by reminding you** (to fully awaken you), knowing that shortly I **must put off my tent/ tabernacle** (life is temporary), just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me...”

[the importance of being reminded]
(2Peter 3:1-8)

2Peter 3:1-8, “... Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of **which I stir up** your pure minds **by way of reminder**)... by which **the world that then existed perished**, being flooded with water...” (life is temporary, this world is temporary!)

[Hebrews 11:10]

Our reading; *Heb. 11:8-16*:

Hebrews 11:10, “... for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God...”

Hebrews 11:13, “... and confessed that **they were strangers and pilgrims** on the earth...”

[the divine nature; *John 14:19*]

John 14:19, “... A little while longer and **the world will see Me no more**, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also...”

John 12:25, “... He who loves his life (in this world) will lose it, and he who hates **his life in this world** will keep it for eternal life...”

(John 17:4-5, Deut. 8:12, Heb. 11:35)

Hebrews 11:35, “... Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, **that they might obtain a better resurrection...**”

(the pilgrim spirit!)

[**John 18:36**, can we say that?]

(**1Cor 15:19**)

1Cor 15:19, “... If in **this life only we have hope in Christ**, we are of all men the most pitiable...”

1John 3:1-3, “... Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure...”