

**Hebrews 11:13-16**  
Strangers & Exiles

*All died ...*

- I. Undying Faith
- II. Unfailing Vision
- III. Unbound Lives

*... and will be made a live.*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. Did the Old Testament people of faith trust in the same God that we do?
2. What are some promises they looked forward to?
3. What kind of “better country” were they looking for?
4. How did that help them when life was difficult for them?
5. They all died. Where did they go when they died?

**Homeward UNbound**

The Old Covenant saints the author refers to in our passage trusted God and rested in the promises He made to His people. Their certain hope was that God would accomplish what He had planned for them. But the fact of the matter is that they did not receive the substance of those things in their lifetimes, but only had partial fulfillments to remind them of better things to come. They did not see Christ in their day, but they knew He was coming by observing the types and signs God gave. The same was true of the lasting, heavenly country that they sought and longed for. There were times of doubt and weakened faith, but they were able to persevere in sometimes extremely trying circumstances. Life in their journey was not going to be easy, and some of them would experience great loss and sorrow. Yet, understanding that they were strangers and aliens in the current world order they looked to God and they looked forward to being with Him in His glorious Kingdom. They learned to hold the world, their possessions, and even their lives loosely because they were assured of better things to come. In Christ we have the fullness of so much of what was promised to them, and yet, we can learn from them to trust the Lord for the even more glorious things that await us.