

The World Was Not Worthy Of Them

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35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. 36 Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. 37 They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—

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38 the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. 40 God had planned something

better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

I. “I Do Not Have Time” (32)

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A. There are too many

B. Why are there so many?

C. Are we called to be like them?

II. “Who Through Faith” (33-38)

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A. Conquering Faith

- The List
 - “Administered justice”
 - “Gained what was promised”
 - “Whose weakness was turned to strength”

II. “Who Through Faith” (33-38)

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B. Enduring Faith

- The Same Faith
- The List

- “Refused to be released so that they might gain a better resurrection”
- “The world was not worthy of them”

III. “Something Better” (39-40)

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. 40 God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

A. All Commended, None Received

- Didn't they receive promises?
- Why are they commended when they have not received?

B. Something Better