

The Rewards of Faith

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

Hebrews 11:39-40

Faith can operate in the life of any person who will dare to _____ to God's Word and _____ to God's will.

To surrender is to stop _____ an opponent and _____ to their authority.

_____ people can have faith in a _____ God.

- Gideon was weak and _____.
- Barak was _____.
- Samson was _____.
- Jephthah was _____.

When bad things happen to good people it is not an _____ of their faith.

For our _____ and _____ troubles are achieving for us an _____ glory that far _____ them all. 2 Corinthians 4:17

The prosperity gospel proclaims that God wants you _____ and that things only go _____ if you follow Christ.

Riches are a _____ thing. You can be cursed and destroyed by riches.

Bringing the Message to Life

Jot down a brief answer to the following questions

1. Reflecting on this week's sermon, is there any principle or insight that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
2. Share in detail at least one way in which your faith has been rewarded in this present life.
3. This passage speaks about "attaining a better resurrection (v.35)." What do you think the author is trying to communicate with this thought?
4. How important are future rewards (rewards in heaven) to you? Why?
5. Explain what the "prosperity gospel" is. Why do so many people follow prosperity preachers? Do you believe such preachers have a valid message? Why?