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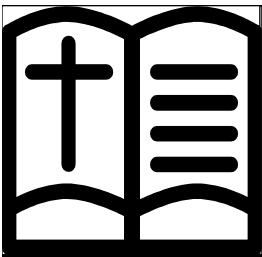
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- D. *Laughter, love and leisure*
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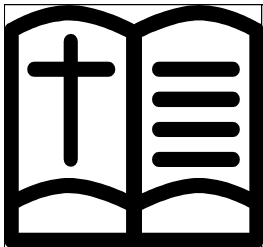
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 - 3. *The content of faith: believing what He promised*
- B. *A life without a home - strangers and pilgrims while waiting for His promise vv. 8-10, 14,16*
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 - 3. *Looking for a homeland v. 14*
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 - 1. *Building our own city - defiance; “unity”*



2. Investing in an ungodly city - Lot; comfort, security, power more important than promise; destruction
3. Helping God fulfill His promises; time's a wastin' - Hagarizing - devising a plan that helps God fulfill His promise; centuries of conflict
4. Compromising faith for cultural power and prosperity - Israel's life of pluralism and mixed faith; nationalism like the nations around them; using God to keep your nation
5. If I do well, God will bless me because of it - Job and 3 bad friends without understanding; “God's goal for me is prosperity; show me what I did wrong!”
6. Accepting as your effort and work what God has given by grace - Nebuchadnezzar

APPLICATIONS:

1. God will always do what He promises in His time; trusting 'til you die is not His failure
2. God's promises extend over all of the generations of men until the end of the age; what He promises in one generation includes the last generation to fulfill it; they were writing for us; they are not complete until it happens to us Heb 11:40; 1 Peter 1:10-12
3. God will fulfill what He promised; if by grace, He gives more, that is grace, not reward; not more
4. He did not promise Americans no persecution
5. A life of the discipline of God is of great value



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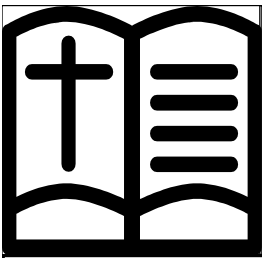
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