

*God,
after He spoke long ago
to the fathers in the prophets
in many portions
and in many ways,
in these last days
has spoken to us in His Son,
whom He appointed
heir of all things,
through whom also
He made the world.
And He is the radiance
of His glory
and the exact representation
of His nature,
and upholds all things
by the word of His power.
When He had made
purification of sins,
He sat down at the right hand
of the Majesty on high,
having become as much
superior to angels
as the name He has inherited
is more excellent than theirs.*

Hebrews 1:1-4



For this reason we must pay much closer attention
to what we have heard,
so that we do not drift away from it.

Hebrews 2:1



But we do see Him
who was made for a little while
lower than the angels,
namely, Jesus,
because of the suffering of death
crowned with glory and honor,
so that by the grace of God
He might taste death for everyone.
For it was fitting for Him,
for whom are all things,
and through whom are all things,
in bringing many sons to glory,
to perfect the author of their salvation
through sufferings.
For both He who sanctifies
and those who are sanctified
are all from one Father;
for which reason
He is not ashamed
to call them brethren.

Hebrews 2:9-11

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

For assuredly, He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.

Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

Hebrews 2:14-18



Take care, brethren,
that there not be in any one of you
an evil, unbelieving heart
that falls away from the living God.
But encourage one another day after day,
as long as it is still called “Today,”
so that none of you will be hardened
by the deceitfulness of sin.
For we have become partakers of Christ,
if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance
firm until the end.

Hebrews 3:12-14





For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword,
and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow,
and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare
before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.
Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

Although He was a Son,
He learned obedience
from the things which He suffered.
And having been made perfect,
He became to all those who obey Him
the source of eternal salvation,
being designated by God as a high priest
according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:8-10



Solid food is for the mature,
who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.
Therefore, leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ,
let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation
of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.

Hebrews 5:14-6:1



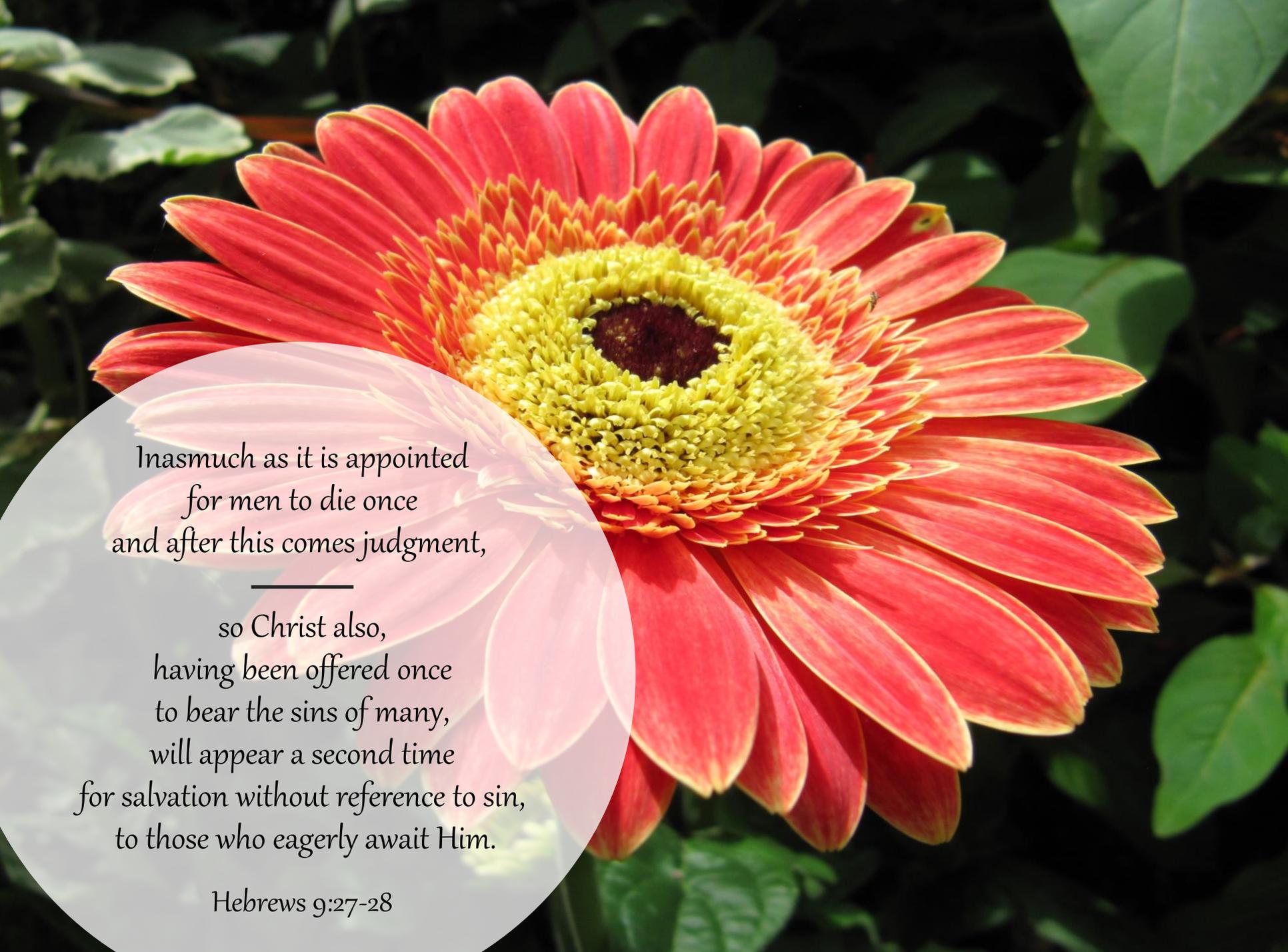
Jesus, on the other hand,
because He continues forever,
holds His priesthood permanently.
Therefore He is able also to save forever
those who draw near to God through Him,
since He always lives
to make intercession for them.
For it was fitting for us
to have such a high priest,
holy, innocent, undefiled,
separated from sinners
and exalted above the heavens;
who does not need daily,
like those high priests,
to offer up sacrifices,
first for His own sins
and then for the sins of the people,
because this He did once for all
when He offered up Himself.

Hebrews 7:24-27





But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?



*Inasmuch as it is appointed
for men to die once
and after this comes judgment,*

*so Christ also,
having been offered once
to bear the sins of many,
will appear a second time
for salvation without reference to sin,
to those who eagerly await Him.*

Hebrews 9:27-28

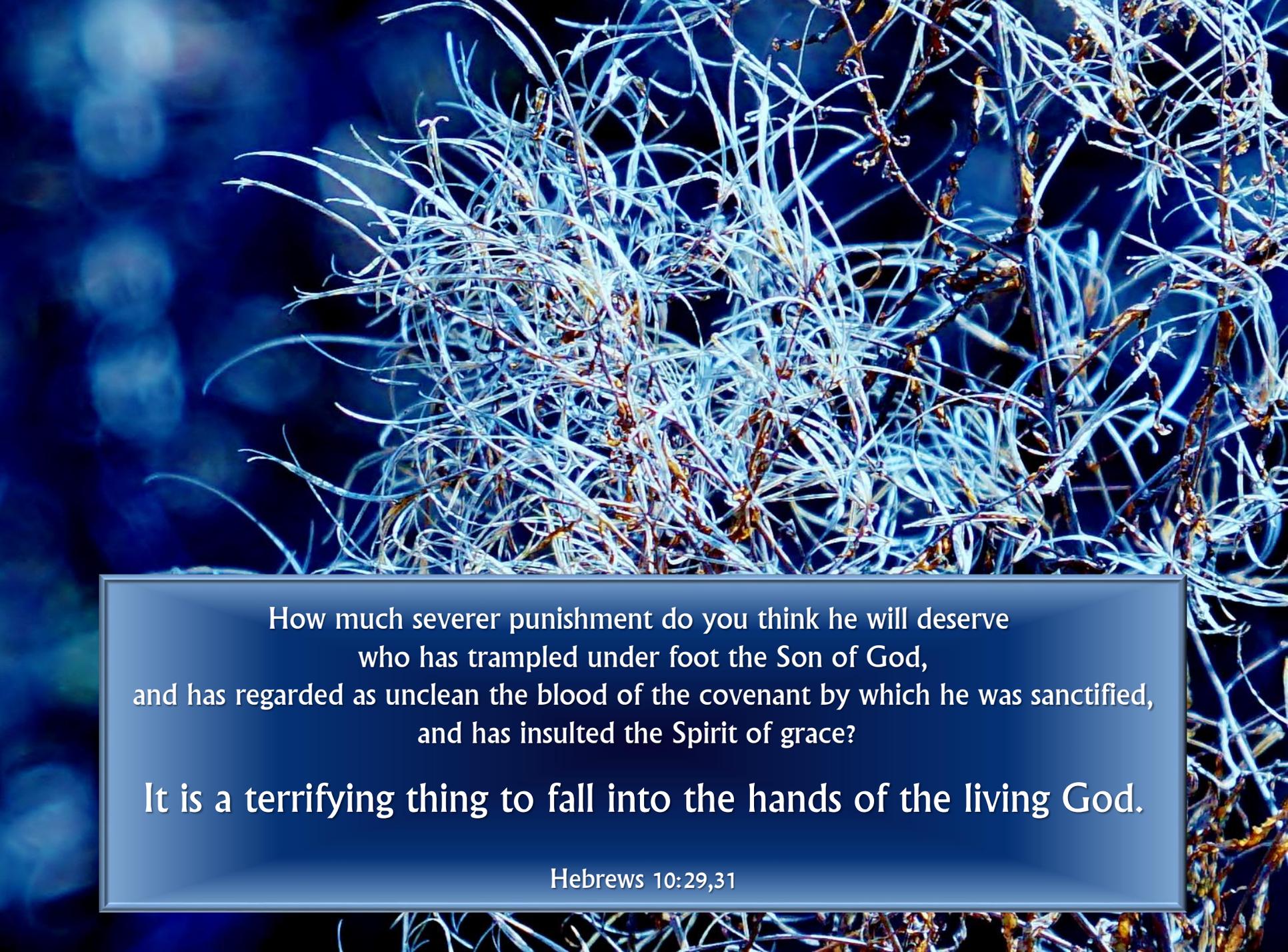


By this will we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time,
SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,
waiting from that time onward
UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.
For by one offering He has perfected for all time
those who are sanctified.

Hebrews 10:10,12-14



Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.



How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve
who has trampled under foot the Son of God,
and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified,
and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:29,31

Therefore, do not throw away your confidence,
which has a great reward.

For you have need of endurance,
so that when you have done the will of God,
you may receive what was promised.

FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE,
HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME AND WILL NOT DELAY.
BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;
AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.
But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction,
but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

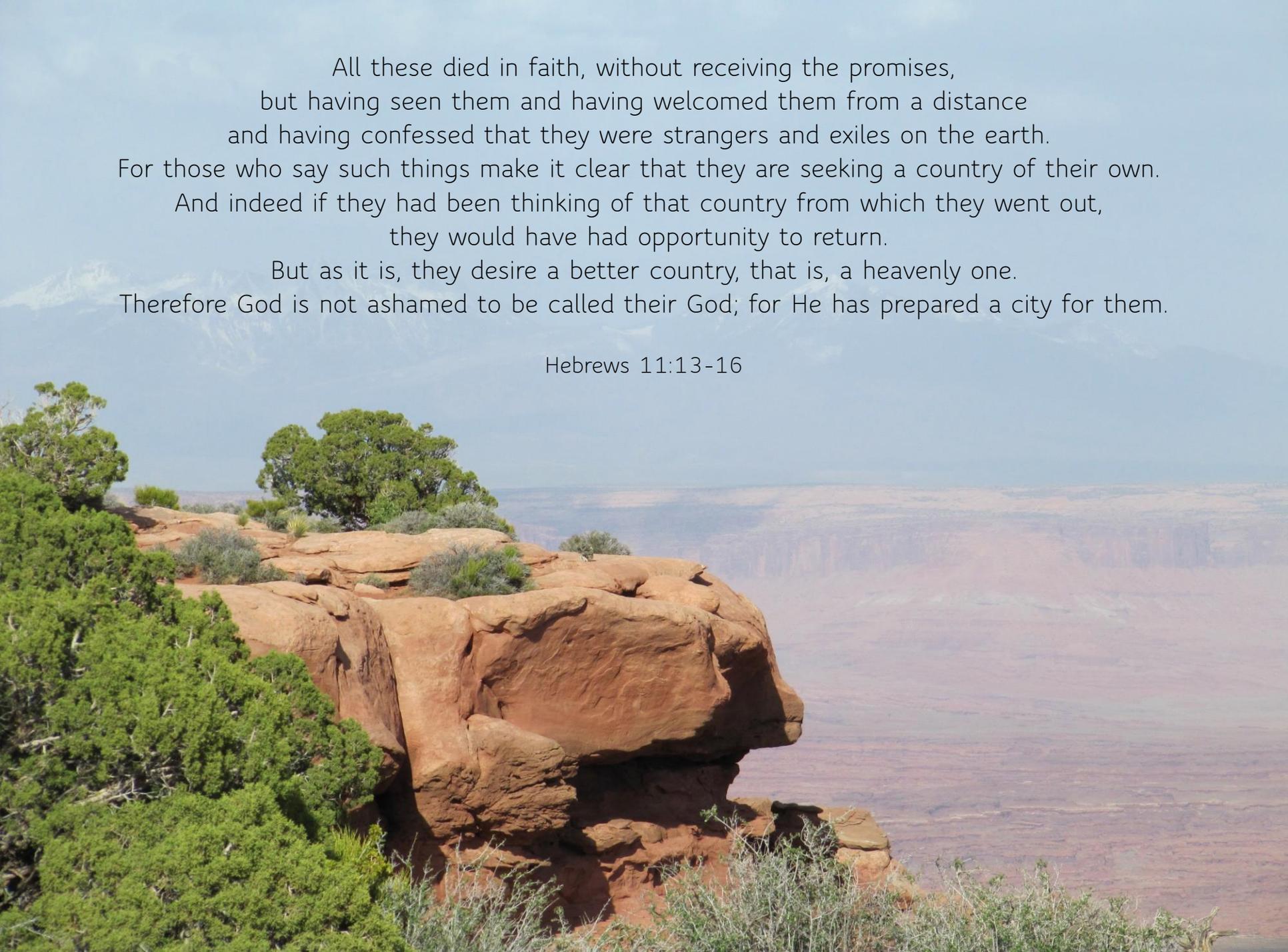
Hebrews 10:35-39



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.
And 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 seek Him.

Hebrews 11:1,6



A scenic view of a desert canyon with red rock formations and green trees in the foreground. The canyon walls are layered and eroded, showing various shades of red and orange. The sky is a clear, pale blue. In the foreground, there are several green trees and shrubs, some of which are growing on the rocky outcrops. The overall atmosphere is bright and clear.

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises,
but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance
and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.
For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.
And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out,
they would have had opportunity to return.
But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.
Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:13-16



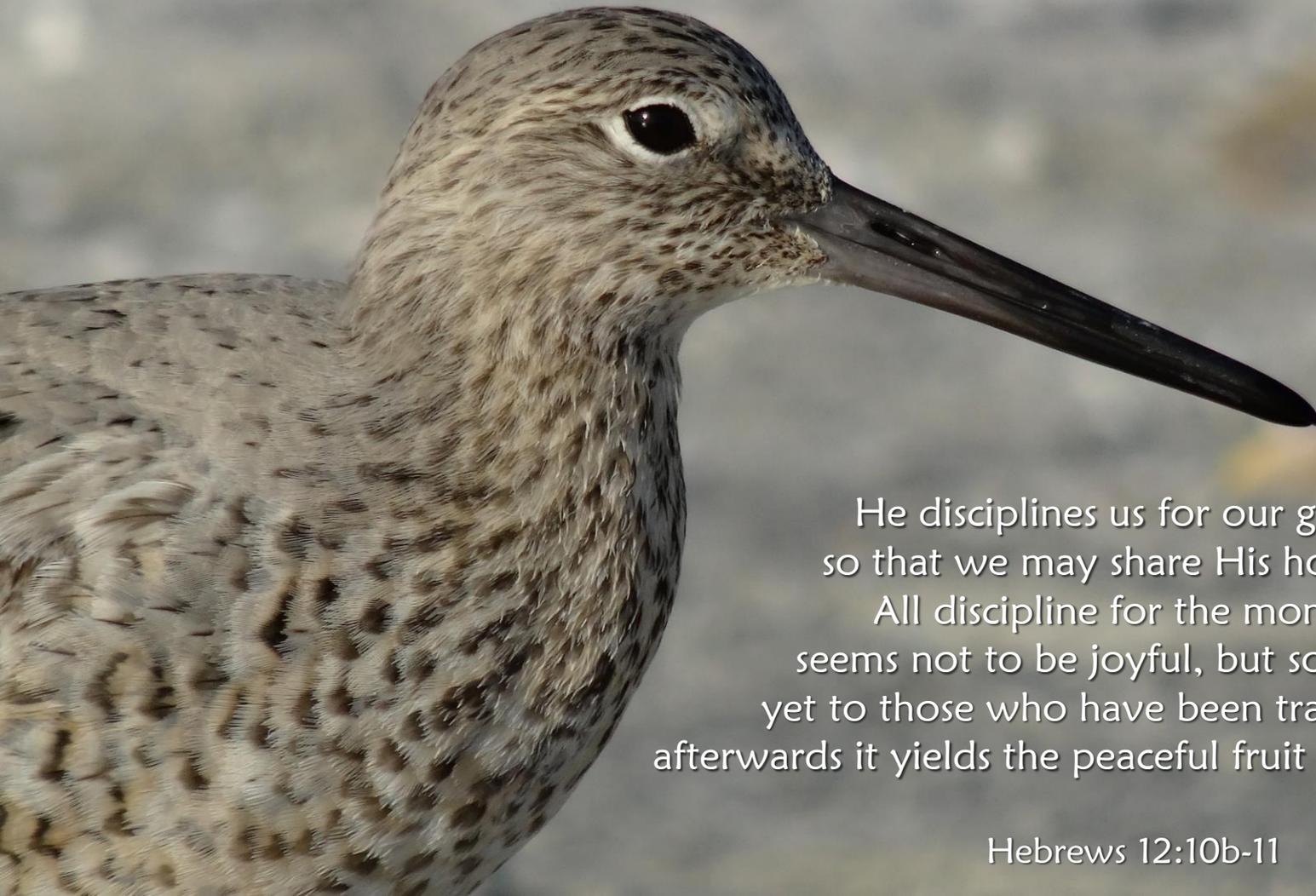
Therefore, since we have so great
a cloud of witnesses surrounding us,
let us also lay aside every encumbrance
and the sin which so easily entangles us,
and let us run with endurance
the race that is set before us,

fixing our eyes on Jesus,

the author and perfecter of faith,
who for the joy set before Him
endured the cross, despising the shame,
and has sat down at the right hand
of the throne of God.

For consider Him who has endured
such hostility by sinners against Himself,
so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3



He disciplines us for our good,
so that we may share His holiness.
All discipline for the moment
seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful;
yet to those who have been trained by it,
afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Hebrews 12:10b-11

Pursue peace with all men,
and the sanctification
without which no one will see the Lord.
See to it that no one
comes short of the grace of God;
that no root of bitterness
springing up causes trouble,
and by it many be defiled.

Hebrews 12:14-15



For you have not come to a mountain
that can be touched and to a blazing fire,
and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind,
and to the blast of a trumpet
and the sound of words which sound was such
that those who heard begged
that no further word be spoken to them.
For they could not bear the command,
“If even a beast touches the mountain,
it will be stoned.”
And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said,
“I am full of fear and trembling.”
But you have come to Mount Zion
and to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,
and to myriads of angels,
to the general assembly
and church of the firstborn
who are enrolled in heaven,
and to God, the Judge of all,
and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood,
which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18-24





See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking.
For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth,
much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.
And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying,
"YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."
This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things
which can be shaken, as of created things,
so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken,
let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God
an acceptable service with reverence and awe;
for our God is a consuming fire.

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money,
being content with what you have;
for He Himself has said,
"I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU."

Hebrews 13:5





Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

Therefore Jesus also,
that He might sanctify the people
through His own blood,
suffered outside the gate.
So, let us go out to Him
outside the camp,
bearing His reproach.
For here we do not have
a lasting city,
but we are seeking
the city which is to come.
Through Him then,
let us continually offer up
a sacrifice of praise to God,
that is, the fruit of lips
that give thanks to His name.
And do not neglect
doing good and sharing,
for with such sacrifices
God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:12-16





*Now the God of peace,
who brought up from the dead
the great Shepherd of the sheep
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
even Jesus our Lord,
equip you in every good thing to do His will,
working in us that which is pleasing in His sight,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be the glory forever and ever.*

Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21