

## Hebrews 11 #2 “Living Transcendently”

**Definition:** To live transcendently is to live above the fray of the cares and desires of this earthly life by being captivated by the eternal and unseen (by natural eyes) realities of our eternal existence with our Maker and Father. To diligently seek to know Him through His Son and to live in this fallen earthly realm with our hearts firmly fixed on pursuit of eternal things. Transcendent living is the life of faith and the life of faith is to live transcendently.

### Hebrews 11:1,2,6 An Expanded Paraphrase

1) Faith is the living out as present reality those things that are unseen assurances; being confidently assured of the things that are invisible to the point of influencing the choices and actions in the now of our lives. That is to say that the eternal / invisible realities that now are and are to come have greater influence on how we live in this present age than do the fears, cares and pressures of this earthly realm. This causes us to transcend a mere natural existence and give evidence of the eternal-invisible alive in us. This is what we would call “living transcendently” or living a life of faith.

6) Without living out as present reality the unseen assurances of the invisible realm it is impossible to be pleasing to the only eternal-invisible God. This is because anyone coming into relationship with Him must believe that He is “Eternal Reality” and that He is the “Eternal Rewarder” of those that diligently seek Him while in this earthly realm.

### Outline of the Faith Chapter:

Hebrews 11:1,6 Description of the life of Faith

Hebrews 12:2-38 Illustration of the life of Faith

Hebrews 11:39-12:1 Exhortation of the life of Faith

Hebrews 12:2-4 Our Supreme Example of the life of Faith

*Hebrews 12:2-4 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.*

**Definition:** The personal diligent pursuit of the Eternal Faithful Rewarder with a consistent view towards the prepared heavenly assurances that cause one to transcend overt persecution and the mere earthly tendencies our own soulish existence and this present fallen age.

### **A. A Fixed Focus on the Faithful Conceiver and Completer of a Transformed and Faithful Life!**

*Hebrews 12:2a looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,*

*Hebrews 11:6 But 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 diligently seek Him.*

**NT:1567 ekzeteo** (ek-zay-teh'-o); from **NT:1537 ek** **NT:2212 zeteo**; to search out, i.e. (figuratively) investigate, crave, demand, (by Hebraism) worship:

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a) **Zeteo** is sometimes used in the NT for seeking in a nonreligious sense: Mary and Joseph *seek* the boy Jesus (**Luke 2:45,48f.**), Jesus *is sought* by his family (**Mark 3:32** par.), the messengers of Cornelius *seek* Peter (**Acts 10:19,21**; cf. also **13:11**; **27:30**). This nonreligious seeking can take hostile forms: Herod *seeks* the child Jesus in order to kill him (**Matt 2:13**; cf. **2:20**). Hostile seeking is indicated clearly in the attempts of Jesus' opponents to catch him with a question and to kill him (**Mark 11:18** par.; **12:12** par.; **14:1** par.). The same is true of the plan of Judas to find a suitable moment to betray Jesus (**Mark 14:11** par.). Among the numerous Johannine sayings which belong here are esp. **7:19ff.**; **8:40**; **10:39**, etc. The **LXX** has a nonreligious use of zhte/w in similar connections, e.g., **Gen 37:16**; **Ex 2:15**; **1 Kgdms 24:10** **1 Kgdms 25:29** **1 Kgdms 26:20**; **Isa 11:21**; **Psa 34:4**.

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b) In **John 4:23** God (the Father) seeks those who will pray to him in Spirit and in truth. Here **zeteo** has the significance of *want, require*. The owners of the vineyard in **Luke 13:6f.** *expect* fruit from the fig tree. This seeking includes at the same time a demand or expectation. **Luke 12:48** is similar: to whom much is given much *is required* (God is the logical subj. of the pass. construction). In **1 Cor 4:2** also God is the subj. of **zeteo**. By way of exception, the

devil can also appear as the adversary of God (and of humans) and as the subj. of **zeteo**. Thus Christians should be encouraged to exercise watchfulness, so that they are not overcome by him ([1 Peter 5:8](#)).

**B. A Forward view by Revelation of Scripture and the Holy Spirit of a Righteous Reward and a place of Future (beyond our wildest imagination) Bliss!**

*Hebrews 12:2b ...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,*

**1. A Forward look at the City:** Heb 11:10; 11:13-16; 12:22; 13:14; Rev 3:12; Rev 22:14,16

**2. A Look at "Prepared"**

*Hebrews 11:16* But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10** But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

**C. Endurance through all of the Present and Future Tribulation of this age by means of the ever-increasing Knowledge of God and the growing clarity of an Internal / Eternal Vision of Heavenly things.**

*Hebrews 12:2c ...despising the shame,*

**1. The "justice" of this present age!**

**2. The Joy of the Age to Come!**

**D. Resting in Agreement with the Eternal Wisdom and Sovereign Plan of He who is Eternal Reality and Eternal Rewarder of those who Diligently seek Him!**

*Hebrews 12:2d ...and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**1. The land of promise and the place of rest!**

*Hebrews 11:9* By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

**2. Entering into that rest!**

*Hebrews 4:11* Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.