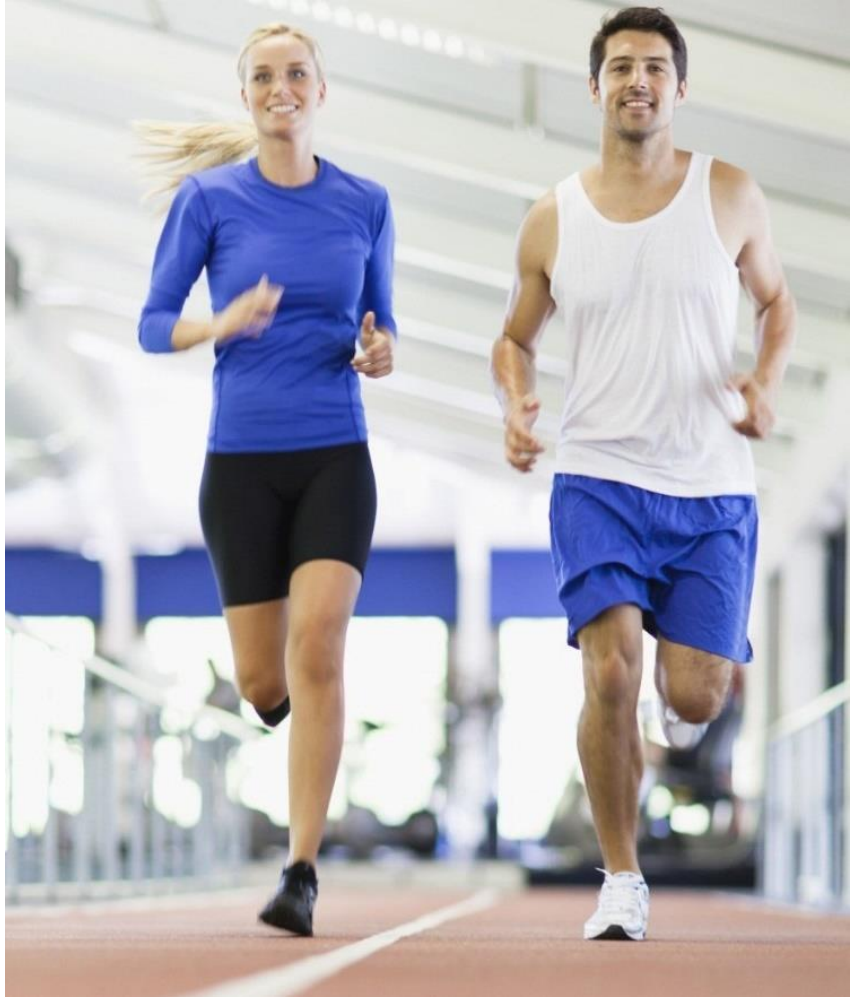

RUNNING THE RACE

ON TO PERFECTION OR BACK TO PERDITION: PART 25

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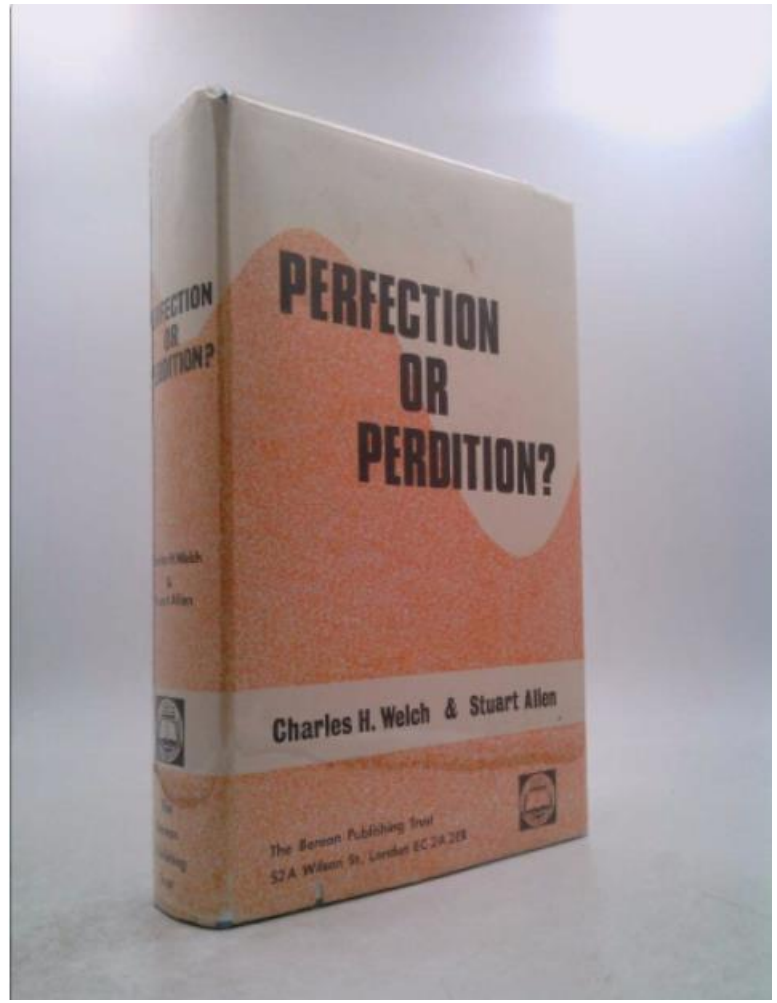
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PERDITION?
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Highlights
Chapter 12

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The activities of faith

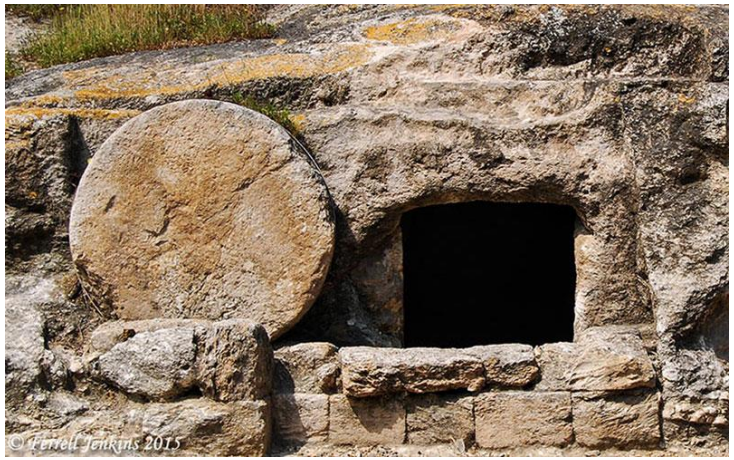
Moses refused, chose, esteemed; had respect, forsook, endured, and kept by faith.

He *refused* to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.
He *chose* rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.
He *esteemed* the reproach for Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt.
He *had respect* unto the recompense of the reward.
He *forsook* Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king.
He *endured*, as seeing Him Who is invisible.
He *kept* the passover, and the sprinkling of blood.

Heb. 1:4; 6:9; 7:7, 19, 22; 8:6; 9:23; 10:34; 11:16, 35, 40; 12:24

Jesus/Angels
Accompany salvation
Better priest Melchisedek
Better hope
Better testament
Better sacrifices
Better country
Better resurrection
Better things than Abel
11:16: not ashamed to be
Called “their God”

KJV Hebrews 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some **better** thing for us, that they without us **should not be made perfect**.1 (Heb. 11:39 KJV)



C 10:26-31. ‘He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy ... how much more ...’.

C 12:25. ‘They escaped not who refused Him that spake on earth, much more ...’.

HEB. 11:1 – HAB 2:1

KJV Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, **and what I shall answer when I am reproved**.1 (Hab. 2:1 KJV)

2 Cor. 9:4; 11:17; Heb. 1:3; 3:14; 11:1

2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 11:1

A	Heb. 11:1	Faith	Substance and *elengchos*. A.V. 'evidence'.
	B Heb. 11:2-40.		The cloud of witnesses.
	B Heb. 12:1,2.		The cloud of witnesses.
A	Heb. 12:3-5.	Faith	The *elengchos*. A.V. 'rebuked'.

Τοιγαροῦν

1 Thess. 4:8; Heb. 12:1

- BT Hebrews 12:1 Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ **τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἁμαρτίαν**, δι᾽ ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα,

- KJV Hebrews 12:1 **Wherefore** seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and **the sin which doth so easily beset us**, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

LOOKING AWAY FROM AND TO

Friberg, Analytical Greek Lexicon

[Fri] ἀφοράω 2aor. ἀπεῖδον, subjunctive ἀφίδω; (1) strictly **look away or from**; hence, as giving attention to one thing to the exclusion of all else look with undivided attention, fix one's eyes (with an εἰς phrase) (HE 12.2); (2) learn, find out, ascertain (PH 2.23)

[Fri] ἀπεῖδον VSAA--1S see ἀπίδω
ἀφορῶντες VPPANM-P ἀφοράω

- TBT Hebrews 12:2 **ἀφορῶντες** εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν, ὅς, ἀντὶ τῆς προκειμένης αὐτῷ χαρᾶς, ὑπέμεινε σταυρόν, αἰσχύνης καταφρονήσας, ἐν δεξιᾷ τε τοῦ θρόνου τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐκάθισεν.
- KJV Hebrews 12:2 **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 is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.1

ἀφορῶντες verb participle present active nominative masculine plural from ἀφοράω

Hebrews 12:1-4

A 12:1. ENDURANCE (*hupomone*).
Race (*agon*) set before us.
Entangling sin (*hamartia*).

B 12:2. **a** Looking away to Jesus (*apo*).

b Captain and Perfecter of faith.

A 12:2. ENDURANCE (*hupomeno*). Joy set before Him.

B 12:2,3. ***b*** The right hand of the throne of God.

a Consider Him(*analogizomai*).

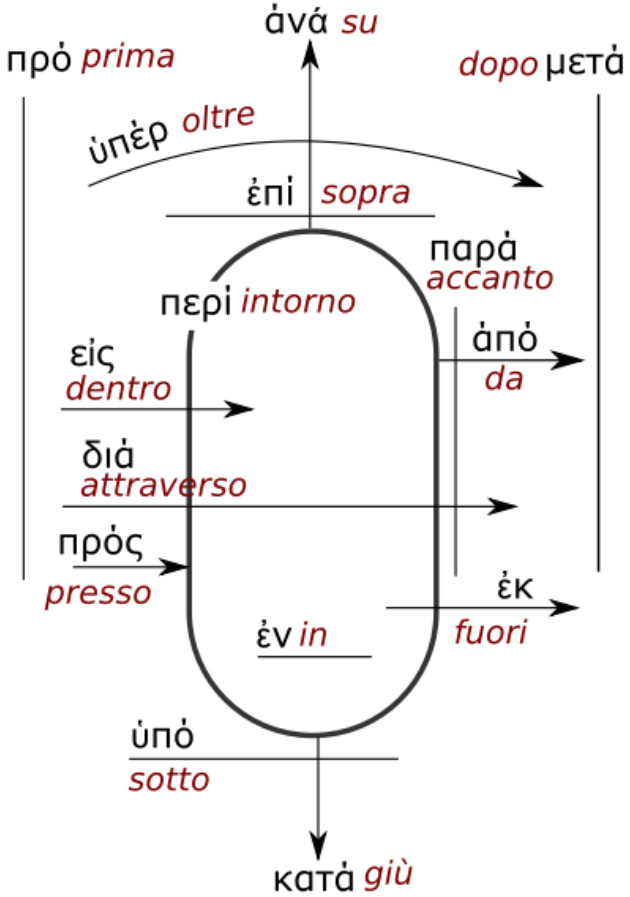
A 12:3,4. ENDURANCE (*hupomeno*).
Opposition (*antagonizo*).
Sinners (*hamartolos*).

THE ENTANGLING SIN – WHAT IS IT?

- TBT 1 Corinthians 9:25 πᾶς δὲ ὁ ἀγωνιζόμενος πάντα **ἐγκρατεύεται**· ἐκεῖνοι μὲν οὖν ἵνα φθαρτὸν στέφανον λάβωσιν, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἄφθαρτον.

- KJV 1 Corinthians 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is **temperate** in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

What have we come to?

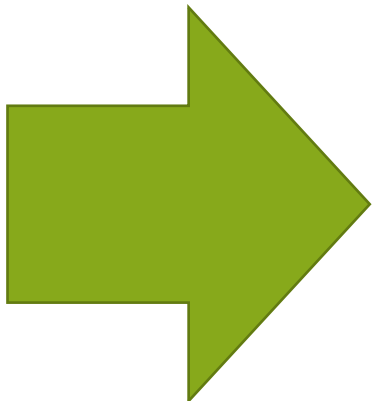


προσέρχομαι come or go to, approach—1. lit. Mt 4:3, 11; 5:1; 9:14; 24:1; Mk 6:35; Lk 23:52; J 12:21; Ac 9:1; Hb 12:18, 22.—2. fig.—a. of coming to a deity Hb 4:16; 7:25; 10:1, 22; 11:6; 1 Pt 2:4.—b. agree with, accede to 1 Ti 6:3. [pg 170]

Consent – “to come towards, approach”

TBT 1 Timothy 6:3 Εἴ τις ἑτεροδιδασκαλεῖ, καὶ μὴ **προσέρχεται** ὑγιαίνουσι λόγοις, τοῖς τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ τῇ κατ᾽ εὐσέβειαν διδασκαλίᾳ,

KJV 1 Timothy 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and **consent** not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;



Lk. 5:31; 7:10; 15:27; 1 Tim. 1:10; 6:3; 2 Tim. 1:13; 4:3; Tit. 1:9, 13; 2:1-2; 3 Jn. 1:2

TBT 1 Peter 2:4 πρὸς ὃν προσερχόμενοι, λίθον ζῶντα, ὑπὸ ἀνθρώπων μὲν ἀποδεδοκιμασμένον, παρὰ δὲ Θεῷ ἐκλεκτόν, ἔντιμον,

KJV 1 Peter 2:4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

LET US COME

- Heb. 4:16; 7:25; 10:1, 22; 11:6; 12:18, 22
- TBT Hebrews 4:16 προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὕρωμεν εἰς εὔκαιρον βοήθειαν.
- KJV Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Today

[GING] παιδεία
παιδεία, ας, ἡ training, discipline Eph 6:4; 2 Ti 3:16; Hb 12:5, 7, 8, 11.* [pg 146]

παιδεία, ας, ἡ

Chastening

Job 5:17; Prov. 3:11; Isa. 26:16; Heb. 12:5, 7, 11

KJV Eph. 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

KJV 2 Tim. 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

KJV Heb. 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

KJV Heb. 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

KJV Heb. 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

KJV Heb. 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Deut. 8:2-5
1Cor. 11:32
Psa. 94:11,12

Sonship and Birthright (Heb. 12:5-25)

Hebrews 12:5-24 is occupied with a two-fold theme: 5-14, sons; 15-24, firstborn.

The first section, sons, speaks of that of which *all* are partakers if they are true children. The second, of that which only the *firstborn* attain, but of which *the Esaus* fail.

The structure of 12:5-14 is simple in its broad outlines, though involved when we approach the detail.

Hebrews 12:5-14

A 12:5-10. Mark of sonship. Discipline received.
B 12:10. The end. Partakers of His holiness.
A 12:11-13. Fruit of righteousness. Discipline exercised.
B 12:14. The pursuit. Peace and holiness.

The opening verse of Hebrews 11 is twofold in its aspect, viz., (1) faith is the substance of things hoped for; this is the theme of Chapter 11: (2) The *elengchos* of things not seen; this is the theme of Hebrews 12:5-14.

The Law

Matt. 7:12; 11:13; 22:40; Lk. 16:16; Jn. 1:17; 7:23, 51; Rom. 2:14; 3:19; 4:15; 5:20; 7:1, 7, 12, 14; 8:2; 1 Cor. 9:8; 14:34; 15:56; Gal. 3:12, 17, 19, 21, 24; 5:14, 23; 1 Tim. 1:8-9; Heb. 7:19, 28; 10:1