

Vantage Point

Vv. 14-16

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Jesus’ Vantage Point:

People desired to box Jesus in to their view of the way things should go, but Jesus stated:

“My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place” John 18:36, NIV

Because Christ lived from a different vantage point, we can live a different vantage point.

“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you”
John 15:15, NIV

Christ has prepared a place. John 14:02

He is not ashamed to be called our Savior.

Other Notes or Observations You Have:

What’s Your Number?

Hebrews 11:13-16



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“The church exists today as resident aliens, an adventurous colony in a society of unbelief. As a society of unbelief, Western culture is devoid of a sense of journey, of adventure, because it lacks belief in much more than the cultivation of an ever-shrinking horizon of self-preservation and self-expression” (Stanley Hauerwas & Will Willimon)

Quick Points

- We are addicted to comfort.
Consider the following phrases:
 - ◇ From the comfort of your own home.
 - ◇ You deserve a break today.

Still Vertical

(v. 13a)

“All these people were still living by faith when they died...”



No Expiration Date:

As you read this powerful chapter, you can't help but realize that faith does not stop growing.

Two Questions

1. Have you been living a life whose faith has expired?
2. Have you been living a life whose faith has no expiration date?

No Experience Necessary

(v. 13b)

“They did not receive the things promised”

Unfulfilled promises often lead to bitterness and resentment.

How do you respond to unfulfilled promises?

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What kept these people going?
Their faith in the God who never fails.

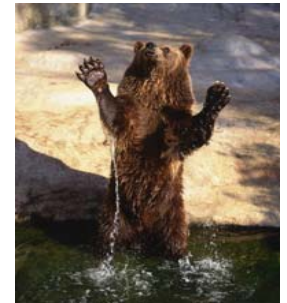
The Bear-Hug Treatment

V. 13c

“They only saw them and welcomed them from a distance”

Remember This:
God never breaks a promise.

What promises of God do you need to give bear-hug treatment?



*“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are **‘YES’** in Christ”*
02 Corinthians 01:20, NIV

Resident Aliens

V. 13d

“and they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth”

Admit it:
These people did not hide their allegiance to the Lord; they admitted it.

Are there areas in your life where you are struggling to admit that you are a *stranger on earth*?