

Sermon Notes
“A Better Country”-Hebrews 11:13-16
June 28, 2020

Canada's national motto is from Psalm 72:8

But what about the verse on the Order of Canada medal?

- In Latin: “Desiderantes meliorem patriam” which means “Longing for a better country”. From Hebrews 11:16

The Letter to the Hebrews is a sermon

- To Jewish Christians facing persecution in Rome
- A sermon that shows Jesus is superior to the Old Testament
- Because Jesus is superior, believers have nothing to fear

Hebrews 11:1 and faith

- Faith is not defined so much as celebrated in the Bible
- Faith looks to a greater promise, a sure hope, like photographs of places we've not been to, but know exist

To have this faith means:

- Remembering who we are in the world
 - ◊ We are “ex-pats” (Hebrews 11:13)
 - ◊ We live with our lives leaning in the direction of the hope we have in Jesus
 - * Think about suffering
 - we know the day will come when pain and death will be gone (Revelation 21:4)
 - we can face suffering with a new perspective (2 Corinthians 4:17)
 - * Think about where we devote our energies
 - Matthew 6:19-21
 - “Too many people live for the main chance but miss the great certainty”
- Knowing we can't go back
 - ◊ Hebrews 11:15
 - * Jewish believers faced persecution (Hebrews 10:32-24)
 - * It would have been easier for them to go back to Jewish religion and culture
 - * But they “had better and lasting possessions” in Jesus (Hebrews 10:34)
 - ◊ What about us? There's no turning back (John 6:68-69; Philippians 3:8)
- Resting in the glorious truth that God is not ashamed to be our God (Hebrews 11:16b)
 - ◊ God is not embarrassed
 - ◊ Jude 24

So, look to Jesus – Hebrews 12:2

- Jesus is the one to bring our hopes and fears to
- Jesus is the one in whom we receive the promise of Hebrews 11:40