

## CHAPTER II.

<sup>1</sup> What faith is. <sup>2</sup> The worthy fruits thereof in the fathers of old time.

**N**OW faith is the <sup>3</sup> substance of things hoped for, the evidence of <sup>4</sup> things not seen.

<sup>5</sup> For by it the elders <sup>6</sup> obtained a good report.

<sup>7</sup> Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by <sup>8</sup> the word of God, so that things which are seen <sup>9</sup> were not made of things which do appear.

<sup>10</sup> By faith <sup>11</sup> Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead <sup>12</sup> yet speaketh.

<sup>13</sup> By faith <sup>14</sup> Enoch was translated that he should not see death; <sup>15</sup> and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

<sup>16</sup> But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that <sup>17</sup> diligently seek him.

<sup>18</sup> These all died <sup>19</sup> in faith, not having received the promises, but <sup>20</sup> having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and <sup>21</sup> confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

<sup>22</sup> For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

<sup>23</sup> And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

<sup>24</sup> But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore <sup>25</sup> God is not ashamed <sup>26</sup> to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them <sup>27</sup> a city.

<sup>28</sup> And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

<sup>29</sup> They were <sup>30</sup> stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about <sup>31</sup> in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

<sup>32</sup> (<sup>33</sup> Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>34</sup> And these all, <sup>35</sup> having obtained a good report through faith, <sup>36</sup> received not the promise:

<sup>37</sup> God having <sup>38</sup> provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.