

was not, for God took him." "Abraham, with Isaac and Jacob, co heirs with him of the same promise, while on earth looked for a city whose builder and maker is God. All these died in faith, not having received the promises, but beholding them afar off, and were persuaded of them and embraced them, and confessed that they were pilgrims and strangers on earth. For they that say these things declare that they seek a country. And truly if they had been mindful of that whence they came out they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, a *heavenly*, therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He hath prepared for them a city."

"The Hebrews regarded life as a journey, a pilgrimage on the earth. The traveller, as they supposed, when he arrived at the end of his journey, which happened when he died, was received into the company of his ancestors who had gone before him. Opinions of this kind are the origin and ground of such phrases as 'to be gathered unto one's people,' 'to go to one's fathers.'"—*Jahn's Archaeology*.

Can we for a moment believe that the "great cloud of witnesses" who devoted and sacrificed their lives for the good of others, prompted by the hope of their