Original allusion & contextual connection.

They died in faith; and as yet they live not. It must have been faith, not the faith which is very simple. It is the belief of the whole world without word, leading us to act more. Here it is illustrated.

1 Its object: Divine Promises. His threatenings are objects of faith; too, but devils believe them - it is only so in that privilege of faith in promises. Especially promises as to St. Messiah. These were promises wh. their faith appropriated.

They were seen only afar off. We look back afar off but what is a fact of history has even
to a worldly heart a reality not incident to the life of the

They had not received them.

Yet they saw them not only heard, but saw them as realized as

From their vision. With their minds they perceived them.

i.e. truly believed and embraced.

They were persuaded of them. Their word

means to salute with a kiss—welcome cordially with an embrace. This indicated heart reception.

And confessed—openly acknowledged—that they were strangers. The point is they were not

ashamed to be known as looking for a better home.
If you ask how you may exercise faith, look at this verse:

We have received the promises. Prophecy has been fulfilled in history. Some doubts Jesus, as a living example - a dying Saviour.

Now if you would exercise faith, try and look back to the fulfilled promised as yours. Written for your encouragement and mind.

Do you see them? Have you heard of Jesus. Has the light of Gospel broken upon you to

Are you persuaded of them. A true belief in them is next step - the beginning of faith. It is the acceptance of the mind of the great central truth of Redemption at crucified.
Next you must embrace the promises. You can't have faith without your heart enters into the matter. Devil's Faith: They are persuaded but don't embrace. They hear it but do not rejoice.

True Faith: Don't stop with believing them. It makes the heart to love. Goes back to it and crosses and embraces his feet with kiss of love makes promises ones own. Hears him say He that cometh and comes with all heart. Take my yoke and take it. Pe. Pe.
And faith leads to confession. The stronger & deeper
in a man's conviction on any subject more like
ly to utter them 1. from force of nature. 2 duty-
So in Religion: if a man believes in Jesus with
head & heart he will feel full and overflow in at-
tenue. Will not be ashamed to confess interest
etc. Pride will not keep him back. He will rather
be proud to acknowledge - ashamed to conceal.
Strangerawn of Devil by wh. he leads those
who are persuaded and trying to embrace Je-
sus to keep their hearts hidden. Alike duty
a privilege to make it known if we have inter-
est in religious things. It is manly - in to use
frankness etc. public/prof. nat. result of Faith.
How much less excusable our faithlessness than theirs would have been. We have received the promises. They had to accept a promise not fulfilled: not received. We can look back to promises realized in fact and rejoice in a Savior not only prophesied but given!