

Hebrews 12:1-2

“The Race Set Before Us”

Outline

- 1. Great Cloud of Witnesses.**
 - “Therefore” refers back (Heb. 11)
to previous chapter
 - They are witness *to* us (Heb. 11)
not *of* us.
- 2. The Encumbrance of Sin.**
 - “lay aside” (cf. Rom. 13:12)
3x, NT (cf. Eph. 4:22)
 - “encumbrance”, i.e. (Psalm 38:4)
the weight of sin
 - “entangles us” (Prov. 5:22)
- 3. Run with Endurance.**
 - Ancient Olympic games. (776 BC)
 - The Christian life is (1 Cor. 9:24-25)
compared to a race: (Prov. 24:16)
(2 Tim. 4:6-8)
- 4. Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus.**
 - Example: Peter (Matt. 14:22-33)
 - Example: Stephen (Matt. 14:22-33)
- 5. The Author & Perfecter.**
 - Author, Gk. *archegos* (Heb. 2:10)
Forerunner
 - Perfecter or Finisher. (Phil. 1:6)
 - For the “joy” set (Heb. 1:9)
before Him. (Zeph. 3:17)
 - Sat down at the (Heb. 1:3)
right hand of the (Heb. 10:12)
throne of God. (Jn. 19:30)

Notes