

Sermon Outline

ALIGNING OUR PLANS WITH GOD'S MASTERPLAN | Bernie Leo

Bible Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-25

1. Specials catalogue?

2. Faith of the ancients

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. (Hebrews 11:13-16)

a. Foreigners and strangers

b. A better country

c. Impact on us today

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

i. Throw off sin

ii. Fix eyes on Jesus

3. The Master's plan for me

a. God's newborn people

b. God's heavenly place

c. God's blessing of salvation

d. Praise of Christ

e. Preparation

4. My personal plans

a. Specials catalogue vs God's flight plan

b. Humility before God's plan

c. Perspective

d. Rescue plane

5. The man in the house

Book recommendations: (i) *God's Big Picture* by Vaughan Roberts,
(ii) *The Big Picture Story Bible* by David Helm (for children)