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Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

<sup>2</sup> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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1. Define and Discuss "Looking"
2. Author, Captain, Founder, Prince, Leader, Originator
3. Finisher, Perfecter, Completer

# LOOKING

- Ellicott says the word looking is the same word used in Hebrews 11:26 referencing Moses making a distinctive choice to embrace reproach because his, Moses, attention was on the future reward.
- **Romans 8:18:** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- Spurgeon says "The Greek word for looking is a much fuller word than we can find in the English language. It has a preposition in it that turns the look away from everything else."

# ***VIRTUAL REALITY***

- Completely sealed off from existing world to engage in new reality
- Eyes directed toward only one thing
- React according to new norm
  - Mental, physical, emotional

He is a jealous God and is not interested in being one of your many interests, among many idols, gods, as a shared lover.

# ***AUTHOR, PIONEER, FOUNDER, CHAMPION, SOURCE***

## ***John 1:1-2:***

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.

*Authors use words to tell stories, engage others in new ideas  
or frames of reference.*

# ***HEBREWS 1: "SPOKEN BY HIS SON"***

1. He is Word

2. His life is the story

3. He is the Founder: He was present at the beginning

a. 1 Corinthians 3:1: Foundation

b. Ephesians 2:20: Chief Cornerstone

4. Champion: He fights for us

a. Hebrews 7:25: ever lives to intercede

b. Hebrews 2:10: Captain of our salvation



# ***FINISHER, PERFECTER, COMPLETER, INSTRUCTOR***

1. He perfects us

*John 14:26: delegates the tool of the Holy Spirit*

a. To draw all men

b. Empower with understanding

c. Empower in physical/spiritual ability to conquer sin

2. He instructs us as He walks alongside

*Hebrews 13:5: never leaves us or forsakes us*

3. He completes the work by Hebrews 10:11-13: He sat down  
in contrast to other priests standing DAILY

"This leads us to what I often call "the all-purpose Christian advice," from Hebrews 12:2, which gives the encouragement of the Christian life: I say this because there is no circumstance, no difficulty, no temptation for which this is not a reliable guide: "looking to Jesus." This is the "secret" of the Christian life, the encouragement we need for our faith: to place our eyes not on the world with its enticements and threats, not even on ourselves with our petty successes and many failures, but on him who is the source and fountain of all our spiritual vigor."

Richard Phillips, *Reformed Expository Commentary - Hebrews*

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