

Hebrews Series

Lesson #199

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**Heb. 12:1, “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”**

# **1. The reason for the challenge:**

**For we are surrounded by so great a  
cloud of witnesses**

# The Ancient Greek Games











# Starting line at Isthmia





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### **3. How we are able to run the race**

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English looks like two commands:

Let us lay aside

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English looks like two commands:

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**But that would be wrong!**

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τρέχω *trecho*

pres act subj 1 plur

“to run”

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In Greek Grammar,

the action of the aorist ptcp: lay aside

precedes the action of the verb: run

Also:

This construction indicates that “lay aside” must take place before you can “run.”

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**James 1:18, “Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.”**

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**desire (aor imperative *epipotheo* “to greatly desire)**

**Psa. 14:3, “They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one.”**

**Psa. 51:5, “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin my mother conceived me.”**

**Isa. 59:7, “Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.**

**Isa. 59:8, “The way of peace they have not known, and there is no justice in their ways; they have made themselves crooked paths; whoever takes that way shall not know peace.”**

**Is. 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”**

**Psa. 51:2, “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

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**Isa. 53:8, “He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken.**

**Isa. 53:9, “And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.**

**Isa. 53:10, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.”**

**Heb. 12:2, “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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**