

This World Is Not Our Home

Introduction:

- A. Text: Phil.3:20,21– “...our citizenship is in heaven...”
- B. Jacob referred to his life as a pilgrimage – Gen.47:9.
- C. As long as we live in this world, we are not at home – 2 Cor.5:6-8.
- D. It is important for us to consider that this world is not our home.

I. Understanding That We Are Sojourners.

- A. A *sojourner* is a temporary resident – a pilgrim, stranger, alien.
 - 1. Peter speaks of Christians as pilgrims and sojourners– 1 Pet.1:1,17; 2:11.
- B. The Bible contains powerful examples of godly people sojourning.
 - 1. Abraham – Gen.11:31-12:4; Acts 7:2-7; Heb.11:8-10,13-16.
 - 2. Jacob – Gen.31:30,38-42; 35:27.
 - 3. Israel in Egypt – Gen.15:13,14.
 - 4. Israel in Babylon – Ps.137:1-6.

II. Remembering That this World Is Not Our Home.

- A. The great danger we face is accommodation to this world.
 - 1. To conform to the world – Rom.12:2.
- B. We are warned not to become like the world– Jas.4:4; 2 Cor.6:17-7:1; 1 Jn.2:15.
- C. We must never get to the point where we are not “provoked” by what we see and hear – Acts 17:16; 2 Pet.2:7,8.
- D. How do we keep from accommodating ourselves to this world?
 - 1. We need to be careful about our attitude – Col.3:1,2.
 - 2. We need to be careful about our treasures – Matt.6:19-21.
 - 3. We need to be careful about our friendships – 1 Cor.15:33.

III. Remembering That Heaven Is Our Home.

- A. What we need to strive for is the “*heart of a stranger*” – Ex.23:9.
- B. Because we are away from home, we must live on faith – 2 Cor.5:6-8; Heb.11:1.
- C. How do we maintain the heart of a sojourner?
 - 1. We need to:
 - a. Read and study about our home in heaven and our Father who is there.
 - b. Meditate about heaven.
 - c. Talk about heaven.
 - d. Sing about heaven.

Conclusion:

- A. Phil.1:21-23– “21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if to live in the flesh, -- [if] this shall bring fruit from my work, then what I shall choose I know not. 23 But I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ; for it is very far better:”