

Searching for a Heavenly Home

Scripture

“All these came to their end in faith, not having had the heritage; but having seen it with delight far away, they gave witness that they were wanderers and not of the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are searching for a country for themselves. And truly if they had kept in mind the country from which they went out, they would have had chances of turning back. But now their desire is for a better country, that is to say, for one in heaven; and so it is no shame to God to be named their God; for he has made ready a town for them.” (Hebrews 11:13-16 BBE)

Devotion

Speaking of Able, Enoch, Noah, Sarah, Abraham, and others God says they were wanderers and not of this earth. They sought another country, and had no regard for their old country. Therefore, God is named their God.

The faithful are willing to give up the pleasures of sin to seek an eternity in heaven. It is not that believers earn their way to that place of blessing, but they desire to live here as they will there. They count everything loss that they might gain Christ and be found in Him not having their own righteousness, but having the righteousness of Christ which comes through faith (Philippians 3:7-8).

Are you seeking another home? What would that look like? Abraham lived in tents, temporary dwellings. If God said to him, “Go here Abraham,” he could go. What if God said to you leave that situation or this situation because it has a negative influence on your walk, would you listen to His calling? Are you able to trust in the promise of heaven enough to count all things loss?

The author of Hebrews makes a point that these great heroes of the faith had no mind to turn back to their old lives. They would have chances to go back, but they had no mind to do so.

Do a little soul-searching to see how attached you are to this world. As believers we must walk by faith. It is impossible to please God without it. Remember, “Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” (1 John 2:15-17 AV)