

A Lively Hope In Troubled Times Standing Through The Blood 1 Peter 1.17-23; cf. 19

[Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.]

- A. This world is not my home (vs 17; Heb. 11.8-10) [- And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, **pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:** - We are but sojourners.]

Heb 11.8

[When the trials of life weigh heavy upon you, then what will be your strength and stay?]

[Job 14:1 - Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.]

[These scattered strangers had lost all of their earthly possessions]

[So Peter reminds them of their higher calling!]

*[Hebrews 11:8-10 By faith Abraham, **when he was called** to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, **not knowing whither he went.** ⁹**By faith he sojourned** in the land of promise, **as in a strange country,** dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰**For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**]*

1. We Are Sojourners by Faith (Heb. 11.8; Rom. 4.19-21; 2.20) [- "By faith Abraham, when he was called . . ."]

[Faith is taking God at His Word (Rom 4.19-21) - Abraham had a Word from God.]

*[Romans 4:19-21 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: ²⁰He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; ²¹And **being***

fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.]

[Having heard from God Abraham **acted in Faith** (James 2.20).]

[James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?]

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1. Sojourners by Faith

[If your faith does not result in action, then your faith is not faith at all.]

[Once one hears a Word from God, then one cannot help but take action.]

[Many do not take action when faced with God's word because **they are not certain** that they have heard from God.]

2. **We Are Sojourners in a Foreign Country (Heb. 11. 9; Rev. 3.17) [- ". . . As in a strange country."]**

[The problem with many Christians is that they have come to call this earth home.]

[Abraham and his heirs dwelt in the land of promise as in a strange land. They never came to call that place home.]

[They lived in tents as nomads. They never settled down in one place.]

[**Tabernacles** - skene skay-nay' (gk) - 1) tent, tabernacle, (made of green boughs, or skins or other materials) 2) of that well known movable of after the pattern of which the temple at was built.]

[**Many have settled down and built themselves a mansion**, and the truth is that they don't need a mansion in heaven, they have all they want right here on earth.]

[Our Lord said of the Laodicean Church in the Revelation,]

[Rev. 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, **and have need of nothing;** and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:]

[Are you so comfortable that you no longer need heaven or God's glorious provision? Then you have lost sight of God's purpose for you and His intention for all that He has given you. **Your treasures have become the thorns of your life.**]

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[Be careful that the cares of this life don't strangle your spiritual need and God's purpose for your life.]

[You are a foreigner in a strange land. Or are you? **Have you transferred your citizenship from heaven to earth? Don't do it!**]

[*Matthew 16:24-27* Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. ²⁶**For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?** or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.]

3. **We are Sojourners With a Future (Heb. 11.10; John 14.1-3; Matt. 6.19-21; 1 Cor 2.9, 1 Pet. 1.4)** [- "*For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*"]

John 14.1

[Our Lord said,]

[*John 14:1-3* Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in ²In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** ³And if I go and prepare a place

for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; **that where I am, there ye may be also.]**

- [We look for a **Promised place** - *"If it were not so, I would have told you . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; . . ."]*

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- [We look for a **Prepared place** - *". . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you . . ."]*

- We look for a **Perfect place** (Matt 6.19-21)]

[Matthew 6:19-21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: ²⁰But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: ²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.]

- [We look for a **Preferred place** (1 Cor. 2.9)]

[1 Cor. 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.]

- [We look for a **Preserved place** (1 Pet. 1.4) " . . .Reserved in heaven for you . . ."]

[1 Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,]

["This world is not my home!! Is it yours?!"]

B. This world is not my hope (vs 18-21) [- The source of our redemption]

1. You have been **Bought** (vs 18-19; 1 Cor. 6.19-20; Rom. 5.8; 6.23; Heb. 9.22) [- Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹**But with the precious blood of Christ,** as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: - Redeemed]

1 Cor 6.19

[1 Cor. 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰**For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.]**

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[Salvation is God's free gift to mankind, **but that does not mean it was without price.** Your salvation cost Jesus dearly,]

[**Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.]

[**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.]

[Jesus Paid the penalty that you and I owed. He gave His blood so you wouldn't have to give yours.]

[**Hebrews 9:22** And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.]

[Why does God require blood? Because the blood is the life of the flesh, and when it is presented it is evidence that the penalty required has been paid.]

2. You have been **Sought** (vs 20; 6.23; John 6.44; Rev. 3.20; 2 Pet. 3.9) [- **". . .before the foundation of the world . . ."**]

[God came to you offering you the gift of eternal life (Rom. 6.23; John 6.44; Rev 3.20).]

[Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.]

*[John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me **draw him**: and I will raise him up at the last day.]*

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*[Rev. 3:20 Behold, **I stand at the door, and knock**: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.]*

[Why does God draw and seek you? Because He loves you and does not want you to perish.]

*[2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance.]*

3. **You have been Caught (vs 21; John 10.29; Isaiah 49.16) [- ". . . that your faith and hope might be in God."]**

[Once you accept Christ as your savior you are then in the Fathers divine hand.]

[John 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.]

[You are not standing in His hand, you are graven upon His hand.]

[Isaiah 49:16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.]

C. This World is not my help (vs 22) [- Our confidence rests in God and His promises.]

- 1. We have help finding Purity [- Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit . . .]**

[Purity in this verse is simple obedience to the Word of God.]

- 2. We have help finding Passion [- . . . unto unfeigned love of the brethren see that ye love one another with a pure heart ferevently.]**

[That we love one another with unfeigned love.]

[Unfeigned means with a sincere love.]

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