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Topic: This World Is Not My Home

Scripture text: Hebrews 11:13-16

1. As Christians, God has promised us a home in heaven and this is communicated to us through the lives of the patriarchs - Abraham and Sarah. The Lord has promised Abraham and his descendants a home that He has chosen for them. Having heard and believed in the promise, Abraham left his home country and was guided by the Lord to the Promised Land in Canaan. Even after living in the Promised Land, they declared that they were still strangers and pilgrims on this earth. This world was not their home and they were temporarily passing through. They lived as citizens of heaven while on earth (verse 13).

2. Christians who declare that this world is not their home have a fervent desire for a permanent dwelling place in heaven where God dwells (verse 14). Abraham did not look back and had no more desire to return to his home country (verse 15). Heaven is where Christians have a sense of belonging and where true joy, happiness, comfort and peace can be found. Therefore, let us set our affection on things above and not on this earth, for all that are in this world are temporal and will pass away.

3. Abraham saw beyond the physical possession of the Promised Land. He knew that his faithful God is preparing a heavenly home for all His children and that will be his eternal home. Only those who believe in Jesus Christ can enter heaven. Having this blessed hope of heaven, it should encourage us to press on and run our Christian race on earth with patience. Heaven is a better home because it is permanent, sinless and the saints of God will be united in constant praise and worship of God. God is not ashamed to be called our God when we look forward to life in heaven (verse 16).