

## This World Is Not My Home; Hebrews 11:9-10

- I. Home Sweet Home
  - a. Home our dwelling place, where our bed is
  - b. A home is a place of comfort and security
    - i. Many people describe themselves as “homebodies”
    - ii. “Home is where I hang my hat”
    - iii. “There is no place like home,” picture Dorothy holding Toto clicking the heels of her ruby slippers together
    - iv. My.clevelandclinic.org defines agoraphobia as “an anxiety disorder that causes an intense fear of becoming overwhelmed or unable to escape or get help. Because of fear and anxiety, people with agoraphobia often avoid new places and unfamiliar situations, such as open or enclosed spaces, crowds, places outside their homes, and public transportation.
    - v. I always breathe a sigh of relief as I pull into my driveway
  - c. What if we changed our idea of home?
  
- II. Treasure
  - a. Not my home
    - i. “This world is not my home, I’m just a passing through”
    - ii. I like camping... well, I like camping the way I like to camp
    - iii. “Always leave the campground better than you found it”
    - iv. Our home, our citizenship is in heaven, not here on this earth
  - b. Treasures
    - i. “My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue”
    - ii. We work for a future, for an eternity
    - iii. We don’t work for an income
    - iv. Matthew 6:19–21 (ESV) 19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
    - v. In this context, Jesus had just finished talking about giving, praying, and fasting
    - vi. A rich young man asked Jesus how to get eternal life
    - vii. Matthew 19:16 (ESV) 16 And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”
    - viii. Matthew 19:21 (ESV) 21 Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”
    - ix. Paul tells Timothy to charge (command) the wealthy
    - x. 1 Timothy 6:18–19 (ESV) 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for

themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

- xi. We can't fall into the trap, "He who dies with the most toys wins"
- c. Since this world is not our home, our hearts must be set on God and His kingdom
- d. If our hearts are set on things above, then that is where our treasures will be
- e. "And I can't feel at home in this world anymore"

### III. Gloryland

- a. Eternity is a long time, especially when compared our lives here
- b. Just 100 years ago...
  - i. Gummy bears were invented in Germany
  - ii. USS Langley (America's first aircraft carrier) was commissioned
  - iii. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) was created
  - iv. "Betty White (born 1922) is older than sliced bread (introduced in 1928)
  - v. Walgreens introduced the malted milkshake
  - vi. Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered
  - vii. The donut is 175 years old (June 22, 1847, Hanson Crockett Gregory)
- c. These things seem so long ago, but since the earth is around 6000 years old, these are relatively new
  - i. Job says, "My life is a breath" (Job 7:7)
  - ii. James says, "you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes" (James 4:14)
  - iii. In Southern California they have a marine layer that coats the mornings like fog, but the sun burns it off by mid-morning
  - iv. Our physical life here is just a flash in the pan compared to eternity
  - v. Yet, the majority of our decisions are based on this 'flash in the pan'
- d. If heaven is our home, then all our decisions should be centered around the eternity we will spend with God
  - i. Ephesians 5:15–16 (ESV) <sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
  - ii. Colossians 1:9–14 (ESV) <sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
  - iii. Paul asks the question in Romans 6:1, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?"

- iv. John says, "I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin" (1 John 2:1a)
    - v. We must constantly evaluate our actions in light of eternity, not in light of our physical surroundings and circumstances
  - e. "The angels beckon me to heaven's open door, and I can't feel at home in this world anymore"
- IV. Home Sweet Home
  - a. Heaven is our home!
  - b. Jesus tells us we must renounce all we have (in this world) in order to be His disciple (Luke 14:33)
  - c. "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue"
  - d. Where is your treasure, because that is where your heart is