



Longing to be Home with Jesus

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” Psalm 23:6 NKJV

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The Bible tells us that for those of us who have put our trust in Jesus Christ as our Savior, this world is not our home. We are strangers and pilgrims on this earth. I travel a lot, teaching the Bible internationally. I stay in many different houses from expensive to very simple. People are kind, and they try to make me feel at home; but it is not my own home. And even though I love to serve My Lord and minister to His people, whenever I finish teaching in an area or in a country, I look forward to going home—home to my husband, family, and friends.

This is what I feel about my time in this world. God created me. Christ saved my soul. I live on this earth to fulfill God’s plan and purposes for my life. However, this world is not my home. I enjoy doing all that God wants me to do, but one day my life on this earth will be over, and I am looking forward to going home to be with Jesus and my Heavenly Father.

John 14:1-3 (NASB) reads, *“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”* In this world, there will always be sickness and sorrow, beloved; but for the believer, this world is not our home. Revelation 21 tells the followers of Jesus that we

will spend eternity with Him, where there will be no tears, no sorrow, no crying, no pain and no death. Praise God! What a homecoming!

Psalm 27:4 (NASB) reads, *“One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.”* Psalm 42:1-2 (NASB) reads, *“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?”* These scriptures are the cry of my heart.

Psalm 63:1 (KJV) reads, *“O GOD, Thou art my God; early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.”* Beloved, this world is like a dry and thirsty land, where there is no water. Nothing it has to offer satisfies my thirsting for Jesus. Beloved believer, do not forget that this world is not your home. By God’s amazing grace, one day we will be home with Jesus, seeing Him face to face. What a glorious, joyful day that will be in all of our lives!

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