

“I Can't Feel at Home in this World...”

This world is not my home  
I'm just a'passin' through.  
My treasures are laid up  
somewhere beyond the blue.  
The angels beckon me  
from heaven's open door,  
and I can't feel at home  
in this world anymore.”

One of the things we need to be constantly aware of and need to continue to remember is that very thing....this world is not our home—we are just passing through. The word of God teaches us over and over that all of the things that we have now are just temporary and that we need not get too comfortable with them.

John says in *1 John 2:15-17*:

**“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.”**

*James* said in his letter, *chapter 4, verses 4ff* –

**“You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred (enmity) toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”**

Paul, in *Romans 12:2*, says –

**“Do not conform anymore to the pattern of this world...”**

And Peter, in a passage so often quoted from this pulpit that everyone should know it—*Peter 2:9-12*:

**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

**Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.**

From these inspired writers, we learn this:

1. We are not to believe that all there is is the here and now.
2. Loving the world (lusting after the things that are self-gratifying) puts us in a very dangerous position. We become God's enemies.
3. Everything here on this earth is temporary. You truly can't take it with you.
4. All of the here and now will be destroyed.

In light of all of this, we need to look forward to the only home that is permanent—the home we will share with the saints in Heaven. Looking at this world as a temporary stop on our way to our eternal home will change our point of view. We will, as Peter put it, live as strangers and aliens, doing the will of God while we reside here.