

Strangers and Pilgrims

by Thomas Brooks

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that believers are strangers and pilgrims in this world, destined for their eternal home in heaven.

Scripture: Hebrews 11:10, Hebrews 11:13, 1 Peter 1:1-2

Topics: "Pilgrimage", "Eternal Hope"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that believers are merely strangers and pilgrims in this world, destined for a heavenly home rather than an earthly one. He draws from Scripture to illustrate that this life is a temporary journey through a wilderness, urging Christians to focus their hopes and affections on their eternal city, which is heaven. Brooks encourages believers to live with a sense of reverence and longing for their true home, where they will ultimately be united with Christ in glory. The sermon serves as a reminder that earthly attachments are fleeting and that true fulfillment lies in the eternal promises of God.

Transcript

"To God's elect, strangers in the world," 1 Peter 1:1

This world is a wilderness, and believers, as pilgrims and strangers, must pass through it to their heavenly Canaan. "For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come." Heb. 11:10

"And they admitted that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth." Heb. 11:13

"Dear friends, I urge you, as strangers and pilgrims in the world," 1 Peter 2:11

The Scriptures, by frequently calling believers pilgrims, sojourners, strangers, does sufficiently evidence that

there is no abiding for them in this world. This world is not their country, their city, their home, their habitation; and therefore they are not to place their hopes or hearts or affections upon things below. Heaven is their chief city, their best country, their most desirable home, and their everlasting habitation; and therefore the hopes, desires, breathings, longings should be heaven-ward, glory-ward! Oh, when shall grace be swallowed up in glory? When shall we take possession of our eternal mansions? When shall we be with Christ, who is best of all? "Live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear." 1 Peter 1:17

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