

“Home sweet home!”

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Have you ever gone away on a trip and during your time away you could not wait to get home? You missed the way the air smells in your neighborhood, the feel of your own bed, mom’s cooking... *“Sigh!” “Home!”* There is this song by Journey (a rock band from the late 70’s) entitled “Lights” and the song conveys the deep longing they have for their home city of San Francisco. *“When the lights go down in the city and the sun shines on the bay, I want to be there in my city... So you think you’re lonely well my friend I’m lonely too, I want to get back to my city by the bay...”*

As much as I love my San Francisco and you love your home town our citizenship lies elsewhere. *“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”* Philippians 3:20. We are literally passing through. Though we want to live comfortable our sights should not be entirely focused on our home. We should have anticipation about our Savior coming to get us so we can finally be with Him. The Bible tells us it can happen at anytime. *“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed”.* I Corinthians 15:52. I wonder how the air is going to smell like in heaven? What will heavenly food taste like? How will it feel not to hurt? The Lord said He would *“...wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”* Revelation 21:4. I am all for setting down my roots but let’s not forget that the Lord has a place waiting for us. *“In My Father’s house are many mansions (dwellings); if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”* John 14:2.

I encourage you to enjoy your home, neighborhood, and city but from time to time look toward the heavens as a reminder of your wonderful permanent residence.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Ephesians 2:19

