

GOING HOME

Hebrews 11:13-16

Heaven is a glorious home-going!

I. ABRAHAM'S AMAZING JOURNEY - Hebrews 11:13-16

A. HIS CONDITION (13a)

1. He died without receiving the promise (see v.10)
2. He died in faith - Still trusting God's promise
 - He was certain, seeing and celebrating

B. HIS CONFESSION (13b)

1. Proclaimed
 - a. Stranger: A drifter
 - b. An exile or pilgrim: A resident alien (v.9)
2. Applied: A willingness to accept "transient" status

C. HIS CONCLUSION (14)

1. A Plain Declaration
2. Seeking Permanence (a Homeland) Ahead

D. HIS COMMITMENT (15-16a)

1. Not Going Back (15)
 - Even though he knew the route and had the opportunities, resources and strength to do so
2. Yearning For Something Better (16a)

E. HIS COMFORT (16b)

1. God's Pride: Not ashamed
2. God's Preparations: A city for desert-dwelling nomads!

II. JESUS' ENCOURAGING WORDS - John 14:1-3

A. TRUST ME (1)

1. The Conditions: His death (13:36) and their desertion (13:22 & 38)
2. The Commands
 - a. Quit fretting (1a)
 - b. Keep on trusting Me (1b)

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B. BELIEVE ME (2)

1. I have a plan: I'm not lying
2. I have a place: My Father's House
3. You have a place: A "mansion"

C. APPRECIATE ME (3a)

1. Jesus makes ready > Getting things in order before the guests come –
- Read Heb. 6:19-20
2. There is nothing unprepared: This is not hurried or haphazard!
3. God is in the home preparation business!

D. JOIN ME (3b)

1. I will come for you!
2. I will receive you!
3. I will be with you!

III. **PAUL'S DEPARTURE DESIRE** - Phil. 1:21-23

A. DEATH IS GAIN (21)

1. Confidence in the face of death magnifies Christ
2. Paul is jealous of those who have already arrived

B. CHOICES ARE HARD (22-23a)

1. Teetering between two good things
2. Unsure how he would choose if given the choice

C. BREAKING LOOSE IS EXCITING (23b)

1. His passion is to "break loose"
2. Breaking loose is far better than staying behind

D. CHRIST'S PRESENCE IS BETTER (23c)

1. Reality: With Christ
2. Comparison: Much better

CONCLUSION:**Going home is a glorious thing!**

- Are you ready?
- Are you excited
- Are you heaven-bound?

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