The Promised Land

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INTRODUCTION

- It's a horrible feeling to be lost, to be away from home, to not have that place of comfort, that place of familiarity and family and home.
- Home means so much, doesn't it? It just evokes those feelings of belongingness, of comfort, of peace.
- We're going to see that in the scriptures there were at least three places that God has prepared for his people.

1 It All Started in a Garden

Genesis 1:26–30

- God created man and woman in his own image, the crowning act of his creation.
- The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed.
- And he gave them a home. And he was there with them. That's what made it paradise.
- They were excluded from that garden and from that tree of life. And as bad as that is, what followed was even worse.
- They were excluded from that personal presence and fellowship with God.

2 God Chose a People and Gave Them a Home

Genesis 13:14–17; Exodus 25:8–9

- For all the land which you see, I will give to you and to your descendants forever.
- Do you start to see the connection of God blessing a people with a home?
- How did he ultimately punish them? He made them lost again. He removed them from their home.
- Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.
- That tabernacle and that temple point back to that home where God had full fellowship and relationship with this people in their home.

3 A Home That We Called Heaven

Hebrews 4:7–11; Hebrews 11:8–16; Revelation 21:1–3

- There remains, therefore, a rest for the people of God.
- For he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
- And so that promised land pointed forward shadowly, faintly, not perfectly, but pointed forward to a heavenly country.
- Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people.
- The best part of heaven is that God will be there among his people.
- There's no temple there because God is there among his people. And that's home.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you come to him in trusting, obedient faith, confessing that faith, repenting of your sins and be baptized this morning for the remission of your sins so that you can have a place to call home?

MY NOTES