

HOME

TEAM DEVOTIONAL

IN HIS BOOK 'MERE CHRISTIANITY,' C.S. LEWIS SAYS,

"IF I FIND IN MYSELF A DESIRE WHICH NO EXPERIENCE IN THIS WORLD CAN SATISFY, THE MOST PROBABLE EXPLANATION IS THAT I WAS MADE FOR ANOTHER WORLD. IF NONE OF MY EARTHLY PLEASURES SATISFY IT, THAT DOES NOT PROVE THAT THE UNIVERSE IS A FRAUD. PROBABLY EARTHLY PLEASURES WERE NEVER MEANT TO SATISFY IT, BUT ONLY TO AROUSE IT, TO SUGGEST THE REAL THING." HE CONTINUES, "I MUST KEEP ALIVE IN MYSELF THE DESIRE FOR MY TRUE COUNTRY, WHICH I SHALL NOT FIND TILL AFTER DEATH; I MUST MAKE IT THE MAIN OBJECT OF LIFE TO PRESS ON TO THAT OTHER COUNTRY AND **HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME.**"

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US AS BELIEVERS TO BE REMINDED THAT THIS IS NOT OUR HOME — WE HAVE, ETCHED INSIDE OF US, A LONGING FOR SOMETHING GREATER. WHETHER WE KNOW IT OR NOT, WE WERE CREATED FOR EDEN — LIFE WITH GOD IN THE COOL OF THE DAY WHERE PAIN AND HEARTACHE ARE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. THE MISSION OF GOD, EVER SINCE THE FALL OF HUMANITY IN **GENESIS 3**, HAS BEEN TO RESTORE THE SOLACE OF EDEN. **REVELATION 21** GIVES US A GLIMPSE OF THE DAY THAT THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH, OUR HOME, DESCEND FROM HEAVEN "PREPARED AS A BRIDE BEAUTIFULLY DRESSED FOR HER HUSBAND" (**REVELATION 21:2B**). HERE, GOD'S DWELLING PLACE WILL BE; HERE, GOD WILL BE WITH US, AND HE WILL BE OUR GOD; HERE, HE WILL WIPE THE TEARS FROM OUR EYES; HERE, THERE WILL BE NO MORE MORNING OR CRYING; HERE, WE WILL BE HOME.

WHILE WE SHOULD SING OF OUR HOME WITH RESILIENT EXPECTATION AND HOPE, THERE IS A TENSION WITHIN US THAT CAN'T BE IGNORED — WE'RE NOT HOME, AND WE FEEL IT. WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THIS HOMESICKNESS? IF WE'RE IN CHRIST, WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT INSIDE OF US BY WHOM WE ARE SEALED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION (**EPHESIANS 4:30**). BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT, GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US, AND WHILE WE'RE NOT YET HOME, HE IS OUR PIECE OF HOME AND OUR PROMISE THAT OUR SAVIOR IS COMING BACK FOR US.