

HEAVEN IS OUR HOME

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As a kid I moved around a lot, never had a constant house or home. I was jealous of Dot because she had a childhood home. I'm not sure what it is about us, but having a place to call home is important. And having stability is important as well.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Where is home for you?



For the Israelites, Cannon was their home. They had been taken into exile and God has told them that he will return them home, but in the mean time they need to prosper!

Who remembers what he told them to do?

“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”” Jeremiah 29:5-7 NIV

We know where our current place of living is, but where is our home?

-Heaven

20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, “For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.” Hebrews 13:14 NLT

As a result, we must think of Earth, America as a temporary place.

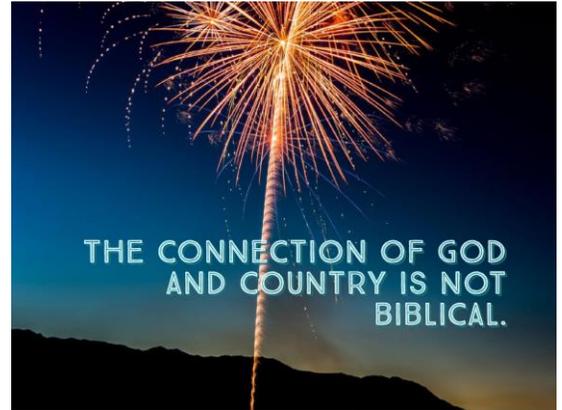
We have to be careful that we don't get caught up in thinking our citizenship as Americans is more important than our citizenship in Heaven.

Difficult for many of us. Especially for those who have served in the military or have family that has.

****the connection of God and Country is not biblical***

God has raised up many countries just to destroy them...

- Egypt
- Israel
- Persia
- Egypt again
- Rome
- Many Chinese Dynasties
- America??



In Jeremiah 46-48 is God telling how he will be destroying all these countries because they have brought him grief

We need to be like the Israelites and recognize



- We are only exiles here on Earth
- We should do the best we can, and pray for the city/country we are in because as it does well we will as well
- but never put it above God or godly principals for justice, holiness, righteousness especially for those he asks us to protect..

Poor, widow, orphan, alien...we who have should always stand for those who have been treated unjustly.

God Bless,

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