

Strangers & Sojourners

1 Peter 1:10-25

Optimism is a wish without warrant; Christian hope is a certainty, guaranteed by God himself. Optimism reflects ignorance as to whether good things will ever actually come. Christian hope expresses knowledge that every day of his life, and every moment beyond it, the believer can say with truth, on the basis of God's own commitment, that the best is yet to come.

-J.I. Packer

I. Sojourners Understand That God Has a Plan

II. Sojourners Understand How to Walk in Hope

III. Sojourners Understand the Need for Obedience

Application

3. God's standard for life in His kingdom is His own perfection (Matthew 5:48). As unattainable as that seems, we are to pursue sanctification throughout our life on earth. Eugene Peterson described this as "a long obedience in the same direction". How does this phrase relate to our lives in transit while sojourning here?

For Families

4. Talk with your children about what an ambassador does and our call to be Christ's ambassadors.