

feb 9

sojourners

"for we are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding." 1 chron 29:15 kjv

indeed the whole world are aliens and pilgrims as they travel from this world into the next. we were without hope and without knowledge of the great I AM. the days before Jesus were all shrouded in types and shadows with only the given law to make us know we could never be enough to enter into the Holy Presence.

"therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. but after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor." gal 3:24-25
abraham's faith brought us to the law which brought us to the realization we could never be good enough to stand in Your presence. that brought us to faith in the only One who could - God Himself. faith has now come full circle.

faith in Christ has made us acceptable, finally able to enter the Presence beyond the veil. now, though we are still sojourners in this world we are no longer strangers before Thee. You have summoned us into Your presence but all our filthy rags must be left at the door. if we don't cloak ourselves in the righteousness of Jesus the guards are waiting to restrain us.

indeed our presence is flesh and blood and cannot stand in the majesty and glory of the Excellence - absolute

authority whose very Word carries a life or death with its utterance. "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." heb 10:31

man, in his foolishness and stupidity has now sought to usurp God. i have a little illustrative joke to place here about now. "an atheist scientist came to God and said, 'we've figured out how to make a man without You.' God said, 'ok, let me see you do it.'" so the atheist bent down to the ground and scooped up a handful. but God stopped him and said, 'oh, no you don't. get your own dirt!'" the God who made us also made all things before us.

faith has come full circle. faith that introduced us to God is all that can get us to God. at this point i am remembering some lyrics from an old song.

this world is not my home, i'm just a-passing through,
my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue;
the angels beckon me from heaven's open door,
and i can't feel at home in this world anymore.

they say home is where the heart is. is your heart set on things above or things below. scripture admonishes us, "set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." col 3:2

every since the fall, all things have existed and come forth in sin. "behold, i was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." psa 51:5 there is only one escape from the sin we were born in. that is in being born again; being born from the law into faith. this was God's plan from the foundation of

the world.

i have decided to follow Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.
the world behind me, the cross before me;
no turning back, no turning back.
though none go with me, still I will follow;
no turning back, no turning back.
my cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.
will you decide now to follow Jesus?
no turning back, no turning back.

i've got my heart set on pilgrimage to a promised land
and i hope to meet many along the way. "the one who
comes to Me I will by no means cast out." john 6:37