

Questions

1. Read James 4:13-14. What do these verses say about the brevity of life? There are similar statements in Ecclesiastes 9 and Psalm 90. Do you think about the brevity of life, or is it a topic you avoid? According to Psalm 90:12, what might you gain by contemplating the brevity of life?
2. Abraham mourned and wept at the death of Sarah. He did this even though he believed in an eternal rest with the Lord. Is it right for a believer to mourn or weep? What would you say to a Christian who says that our hope in Christ means we should not grieve death?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 2:24-25. Take a few minutes to make a list of some of the everyday blessings you receive from the Lord. Then take a few minutes to pray and thank Him.
4. Why did Abraham believe it was necessary to pay full price for the field and burial plot he bought from Ephron? How was his status as an alien residing among the Hethites a factor?
5. In what way was Abraham's purchase of the field and burial plot a reflection of his faith? How does your own planning for the future reflect an abiding faith in the Lord's promises?
6. In what way(s) do you struggle to maintain the status of an alien, living in the world, but not of the world?

*Need prayer?
Someone will be up front by the piano
to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.*

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An Alien Among You

Genesis 23:1-20

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The record of Sarah's death and burial in Genesis 23 reminds us that life is inescapably brief. Along the way, it's accompanied by bereavement and blessing. But for followers of Jesus, life is best lived as believing exiles.

1. The Brevity of Life

2. Bereavement in Life

4. The Believing Life of a Pilgrim (alien)

3. Blessing in Life