



HOMESICK FOR HEAVEN

PSALM 23:6

SERMON OUTLINE FOR MAY 5, 2013

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Introduction: *A real home instead of a cage in an animal shelter...*

- I. WE HAVE A REAL HOME AWAITING US
 - A. It is our forever home (Psalm 23:6)
 - B. Our real citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20)
 - C. This explains the homesickness we often feel
- II. HOMESICKNESS IS REAL
BECAUSE WE ARE NOT HOME YET
 - A. This sinful, fallen world is not home
 - B. The story of *Pootsie the parakeet* is a good reminder
 - C. Ecclesiastes 3:11 – ***“God has set eternity in the hearts of men.”***
- III. YOU ARE NOT HOME YET...
BE CAREFUL NOT TO ACT LIKE YOU ARE
 - A. Why would you treat this world like home?
 - B. Our sinful natures, the devil & this sinful world try to convince us to “feel at home” in this life with its values & priorities
 - C. God wants to stir up within us a longing for heaven.
- IV. OUR AGING & LIFE’S HEARTACHES REMIND US:
THIS IS NOT OUR HOME
 - A. St. Paul reminds us of the same truth: 1 Corinthians 15:50 -- ***“flesh & blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God”***
 - B. Might it be that aging & heartaches are ways that God keep us “heading homeward”
 - C. Note what must happen to a tulip bulb before it blossoms into a glorious flower
 - D. Note St. Paul’s commentary about our earthly body: Romans 8:23 – ***“our bodies will be set free”***
 - E. Note St. John’s promise about our real home in heaven: Revelation 21:3-4 – ***“no tears, death, mourning, crying or pain”***

Conclusion: *A master’s search to bring his dog home /
our Master’s search to bring us home*