PORTRAITS OF DISCIPLESHIP

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LESSON 10: STANGERS AND PILGRIMS

The Disciple's Walk of Faith

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth (Hebrews 11:13)

What Are Strangers And Pilgrims?

- Stranger translated from the Greek word xenos which literally means "a foreigner"
- Thus, a stranger is one who is out of his own country, someone who is in a foreign land
- Pilgrim translated from the Greek word parepidemos, which refers to a resident foreigner, one who lives among a people who are not his own
- This person does not have the rights of a citizen, nor is he seeking a permanent residence

What Makes Us Strangers And Pilgrims?

- 1. Disciples are called out of this world and made citizens of a heavenly kingdom (Col. 1:13; Phil. 3:20)
- 2. Disciples are following one whom the world has rejected (John 15:18-21)
- 3. Disciples no longer think like the people of the world (Rom. 12:2)

What Does It Take To Live Like Strangers And Pilgrims?

- 1. Trust in God's promises (Rom. 4:20-21)
- 2. Obedience to God's instructions (Heb. 11:8)
- 3. Coming out from the world (1 Pet. 1:15-17; 2 Cor. 6:14-18)
- 4. Delaying gratification (Heb. 12:15-17)
- 5. Commitment (Heb. 10:34-36; Rev. 2:10)