

➤ **Intro:**

- **How do you view life on Earth (paradigm)?** long stay, short stay / here long time, here short time
- **What will earthly life seem like after living in eternity 100 trillion years?** long, short
- **How important will earthly things be to you after living in eternity 100 trillion years?**
 - **illus.: 90 years** compared to 100 trillion years = one one-millionth of a second compared to 90 years
 - i.e.: life on earth compared to 100 trillion years in eternity will seem like one one-millionth of a second on earth

➤ **Godly paradigm of earthly life – short stay**

- **1 Pet. 1:17** godly paradigm of life – stay (sojourn, KJ) – **brief, short**
- - **1 Pet. 2:11** we live here as **aliens and strangers** – not permanent home - cf. heaven
 - **illus.: what we do when were only going to stay somewhere a short time** - vs. long stay
 - **take suitcase** with clothes to wear for short time
 - **not plan to be there permanent**, all plans helping work toward returning home
- - **Ja. 4:14** life like **vapor** - not know what your life will be tomorrow
 - **illus.: adult life described as ten days** of testing (Rev. 2:10) – **short complete period of time**
 - **illus.: Kalamazoo, 17-year-old Brittany Mattmiller was killed by a drunk driver** (attached)
- - **Heb. 11:9-10, 13-16** men of faith upon the earth – **aliens and strangers, pilgrims** – **R - 1 Pet. 1:1a**
 - **Are you a spiritual sojourner on earth, or a permanent resident? Are you a man (woman) of faith?**

➤ **Portrait of a spiritual sojourners upon the earth, we will. . . . – tell you about yourself**

- **1 Pet 1:1a, 2** saved by God, obey
- - **1 Pet. 1:3-4** born again, living hope, inheritance, protected by the power of God
- - **1 Pet. 1:6, 8b** rejoice, even when we are tested with fire – **stronger, protected by God**
- - **1 Pet. 1:13-14a** prepared mind, as obedient child
- - **1 Pet. 1:17b-19** fear, redeemed with blood of Jesus
- - **1 Pet. 1:22a** purified your soul in obedience to the truth
- - **1 Pet. 1:23** born again through the living word of God
 - **spiritual sojourn so good because of where headed – heaven, eternal life**

➤ **Spiritual sojourners press on to the prize – heaven, eternal life**

- **Phil 3:7-8, 12-14** press on, live in the present forgetting what is behind, prize
- - **illus.: R - Heb. 11:13-16, 32-40** examples of people who pressed on to the prize
- - **Heb 12:1-3** we press on (race) by **keeping our eyes on Jesus**

➤ **Spiritual sojourners are ready to die, every moment of ever day! – life a vapor, not know what tomorrow will bring**

- **Matt. 24:36-39, 44** Jesus, teaching, be ready
- - **illus.: parable of the sensible and foolish slaves** – **be ready at all times** - **Matt. 24:45-51**
- - **illus.: parable of the ten virgins** – **only enter if ready** - **Matt. 25:1-13**
- - **illus.: parable of the talents** – **judgment** - **Matt. 25:14-30**
- - **Heb. 9:27** die, judgment - **no second chances** – **illus.: child, trouble, “can I have a second chance?”**

- **Spiritual sojourners are citizens of God's household.**
 - Eph. 2:4-5, 8 grace, made alive together with Christ – Col. 2:12-13, when baptized
- - Eph. 2:13 brought near by blood of Christ – not alien of God, because Jesus. . . .
- - Eph. 2:19-22 no longer strangers and aliens, but citizen's of God's household – temple, God dwell
 - your choice: sojourner on earth and citizen of heaven, or. . . .

- **Summary / Inv.**
 - How do you view life on Earth (paradigm)? – sojourner, stranger, alien – on trip home to heaven
 - inv.: you can become a sojourner on earth and citizen of God's household today