Are You a Sojourner Upon the Earth?

✍️ 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. 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
- 1 Pet. 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. 2:22a 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?”
精神的旅行者是神家的公民。
- 以弗所书 2:4-5, 8 使我们与基督一同活过来。
- 以弗所书 2:13 使我们靠近基督的血，不再是外人。
- 以弗所书 2:19-22 我们不再是外人，而是神家的公民。

总结 / 介绍
- 你如何看待地球（世界观）？作为旅行者，陌生人，外人 – 通往天堂的旅程
- 介绍：你今天可以成为地球上的旅行者和神家的公民。