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Psalm 39:12

Hear my prayer, O Lord ...For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

English Word Sojourner

From Sojourn - a temporary stay; a brief period of residence.

Hebrew Words

Sojourner = Ger a temporary inhabitant, visitor, passing thru. Guest = Tosab Resident lacking inherited land rights, stranger.

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Leviticus 25:23

"The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you are strangers [Ger] and sojourners [Tosab] with me.

Hold things loosely, diligent servant

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Ger Ve'Toshav

Is a legal principle that Israel must live on the land like they are strangers and sojourners. They should diligently work His land respecting the conditions set in the law. They can enjoy the fruits of His land but they do not own it.

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

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Tyranny of Things

"There is within the human heart a tough, fibrous root of fallen life whose nature is to possess, always to possess. It covets things with a deep and fierce passion... The roots of our hearts have grown down into things,

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Tyranny of Things

...and we dare not pull up one rootlet lest we die. Things have become necessary to us, a development never originally intended. God's gifts now take the place of God, and the whole course of nature is upset by the monstrous substitution." A.W. Tozer

We overcome the tyranny of things by living as a sojourner.

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Hebrews 11

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.
And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

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Hebrews 11

⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Sojourner's Life		
Туре	Haran	Promise Land
Leader	King	God
Freedom	Laws	Unlimited
Food	Markets	Pastoral - Trade
Home	House	Tent
Work	Merchant?	Shepherd
Identity	Citizen	Sojourner

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Faith Is

Spiritual Eyes focused on a saving God

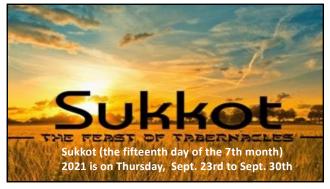
Spiritual Ears tuned to the voice of a speaking God

Faith produces a flexible life expecting God to save and to speak all the time.

- 1. Faith produces flexibility in living
- 2. Temporary dwellings focuses forward



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Leviticus 23

⁴¹ You shall celebrate it [Feast of Booths] as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

Leviticus 23

⁴² You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, ⁴³ that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

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Modern Booths (Tabernacles)

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Sukkot

The sukkot symbolizes our dependence on God's care and sustenance. Living in booths during Sukkot reminds Israel that they were/are sojourners and their current homes and jobs are not so permanent. God is their real provider and Heaven is their real home.

Sukkot Celebrated Worldwide

Sukkot is the only festival about which the OT says that it will one day be celebrated by the whole world (Zechariah 14:16-19)

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Genesis 15:13

Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.

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Genesis 23:4

"I am a sojourner and foreigner among you; give me property among you for a burying place, that I may bury my dead out of my sight."

1 Corinthians 7

²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short.
From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none,
³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning,

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1 Corinthians 7

³⁰...and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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Sojourner's Life

We overcome the tyranny of things by living as a sojourner.

- 1. Faith produces flexibility in living
- 2. Temporary dwellings focuses forward
- 3. Sojourners with God

Exodus 2:22

She [Zipporah] gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."

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Where Is Home?

Moses is correct that Midian is not his home but he is thinking that Egypt is his home. God has a very different home for Moses and the people Israel. They will need to develop a sojourner's mindset before they're ready for the promise land.



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Hebrews 11

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

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Hebrews 11

¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.
Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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Sojourners

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