

the primary thing is keeping our eyes on Him, preparing ourselves for the promised land which is ahead, and helping others prepare for the promised land which is ahead. People used to say about Christians they were too otherworldly, not having enough interest in this world. If you are not otherworldly, you are not going to have the right perspective on this world, and if you put your sole emphasis upon trying to improve this world, you will soon find yourself drifting off into areas of activity which are definitely contrary to the to the Lord. We must stand for what is good; what is really good we must support. I believe it is the Christian's duty to vote for the best possible candidate, and for the best possible policy. I believe that we have a duty to give help to all who are really working for , but it is a secondary duty. We are strangers and pilgrims in this earth

In Heb. 11:13, These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country." And that is vital for us to do, and keep our eyes on that ahead which is the Lord's goal for us. And so the same idea is stress again here in point C, the book of Numbers is the principle record of Israel's wilderness journey, and the Christian is now in a wilderness journey.. Of course we have much in all the other books things in the OT that is vital for us, but there are special reasons why Numbers can be of real importance to us, because the situation corresponds so closely to the situation in which we are. You remember that Peter said in 1 Pet. 2:11, Dearly beloved I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul," And how sad it is x to see Christian workers, Christian leaders who become so emeshed in the things of this world that they fail to keep their eyes on the Lord. I have been particularly shocked in the last few years to hear of men who have given every evidence of being greatly used of the Lord who fell into the sort of lust and sin that Christians have always abhorred, and have had to leave the ministry altogether. I heard of a number of cases of individuals of whom one would never dream of such a thing of this person, but Satan gozzazazz can easily lead everyone astray in these regards if we don't keep our