

into the Promised Land just as we were delivered from Egypt, only through the Lord's power and through what He ~~did~~ will do for us and in our lives. This is brought out clearly in many passages of Scripture, but I would like to call your attention to Heb. 11 - the account of Abraham. Vs. 8 " By faith Abraham when he was ready to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance obeyed, and went out not ~~knowing~~ knowing whither he went." We know where we are going. We are going to Canaan. We are going to where the Lord wants us to go, but along the way there is much we do not know. We are strangers and pilgrims and our goal is ahead. We Look for a city which has foundations whose builder and maker is God. We haven't reached that city. And there are Christians who think they are going to make a perfect society upon this earth. There are people with a fine Christian background are devoting themselves to who ~~are~~ endeavoring to build Zion right here, and Zion is not here. It is ahead.

And the Lord wants us to do all the good we can along the way, and to stand for everything that is good but this is ~~always~~ all to be secondary. The primary thing is keeping our eyes on Him, preparing ourselves for the Promised Land which is ahead and helping to prepare others for the Promised Land which is ahead. People often speak -- or used to, of Christians as being 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 soul emphasis on trying to improve this world, you will soon find yourself drifting off into areas of activity which are definitely contrary 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 we have a duty to give help to all movements that are really working but it is a ~~secondary~~ secondary duty. We are strangers and pilgrims on this earth, and we seek a country.

Heb. 11:13 goes on to say, These all died in faith not having seen the promises but having seen them a far off, and were persuaded of them and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth, for they ~~that~~ that say such things declare plainly that they seek a ~~city~~ country." And that is vital for us