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A DESIRE FOR MY TRUE COUNTRY

"But now they desire a better, that is a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. Hebrews 11:16 NKJV

"Creatures are not born with desire unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probably explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same." C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, p 106

Pursue your desire to go to heaven by living on earth believing it exists. The faith warriors of old never let their earthly experience supersede their desire to make heaven their home. They let their purpose for living center on that hope and so much so they shared their hope and confidence with others causing many of them to be martyrs. God was not ashamed to be called their God as their lives expressed their desire. He has prepared a city called heaven. So don't lose sight of heaven as that is where our real home is and that's the country we should long for and prepare while here to make it there. A 'City called Heaven' is more than a song to sing, it's a place to spend eternity. If that desire has died in your heart, rekindle it today and desire it steadfastly, because soon and very soon we are going to see the King!

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