

## Strangers Here

Father, I used to think that our feelings of being  
“not home” in this world  
were unique.

But then I started noticing in Your Word that  
Your people have always lived as strangers here.

When sin first entered our world through Adam and Eve,  
we immediately lost our garden home.

Noah lived in a world overrun with evil,  
then had to start life all over again  
by himself in this wide world,  
with only his immediate family.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph lived their entire lives as  
aliens in a foreign land.

Forty years in the wilderness, the exile in Babylon,  
millennia of foreign domination –  
God’s chosen people know well the deep longing for home.

God’s own Son left His eternal home to  
live and die as a rejected outsider  
in the world He created.

This is part of the legacy He has left to His followers:

*“They are not of the world,  
even as I am not of the world.”* (John 1:16, NASB)

We are strangers here.

We are not home.

Hymn: [Psalm 39](#)