

Beware of Wanderlust

Ecclesiastes 6:9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

In reading this initially, one would think that Solomon was saying, "It is better to look at everything you can see than letting your appetite wander to what you don't have."

However, how many times do we look around at what we have and become dissatisfied?

The definition of wanderlust is, a strong, innate desire to rove or travel about.

Have you ever looked at the vehicle you are driving and thought, "If I only had a better car?"

What about looking at your home or furnishings and thought, "If I only had a nicer house, or nicer furniture?"

Wanderlust never stops where it starts, it is never satisfied with the first glance.

Have you ever looked at your spouse and thought, "If I only had a better more devoted husband/wife?"

It doesn't stop there, "If I only had better children."

"If I only had a better job."

"If I only had a better church."

Pro. 27:20

20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Wanderlust makes us unthankful for what we have.

I was reading John Gill's Exposition of the Bible in regard to this verse and he wrote this, "By 'the sight of the eyes' is not meant the bare beholding outward riches, as in Ecc 5:11; but the enjoyment of present mercies; such things as a man is in the possession of, and with which he should be content,"

Heb. 13:5

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

What is wrong with thanking God for His present mercies? Thank you, Jesus, for being so merciful to me, if it wasn't for you, I would have no saved family. I would not have the things I possess today, if it wasn't for your mercy.

Wanderlust is no respecter of persons. It hits saints and preachers alike.

Families dissolve because of wanderlust. Great moves of God are brought to a screeching halt because of wanderlust. Saints leave good churches because of wanderlust. Preachers leave good churches because of wanderlust.

Php. 4:11-13

11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Jesus, you have been far better to me than I have ever deserved. You have been merciful, you have been so kind, you have been so very long suffering to me.

Thoughts of His mercy can stop wanderlust in its tracks. Where can we go? He still has the words of eternal life.