













To you, where is Home? Can you explain it or define it?

What makes Home "home"?

Hiraeth – a homesickness for a home to which you cannot return, a home which maybe never was; the nostalgia, the yearning, the grief for the lost places of your past. Saudade – a nostalgic longing to be near again to something or someone that is distant, or that has been loved and then lost; "the love that remains."

- "Going home to a place he'd never been before" John Denver
- "This is my temporary home, it's not where I belong" Carrie Underwood
- "They say you can't go home again ... I thought if I could touch this place or feel it, this brokenness inside me might start healing" – Miranda Lambert
- "Homeward bound, I wish I was homeward bound" Paul Simon
- "...nowadays I'm lost between two shores. L.A.'s fine, but it ain't home; New York's home, but it ain't mine no more." – Neil Diamond
- "All I know is I'm not home yet" Building 429
- "I don't belong, I'm a foreigner here, just singin' a sojourner's song" Buddy Greene
- "Created for a place I've never known; this is home..." Switchfoot

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

Jeremiah 28-29

- False prophet Hananiah
- Build a house and settle down
- Plant a garden
- Get married
- Seek the peace and prosperity of this city
- Don't be deceived
- 70 full years in exile

"Our Father refreshes us along the way with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home."

C.S. Lewis

"Lord, <u>You</u> have been our dwelling place throughout all generations."

Psalm 90:1

"I go to prepare a place for you ... that you may also be where I am"

John 14

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

"Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You."

Psalm 73:25

"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world."

C.S. Lewis

- Jeremiah 29:5-7
- Bloom! Wherever you're planted!
- Unpack. Hang pictures. Get a dog.
- Invite Jesus to make His home in you
- Don't wait to stop hurting before you start serving
- Regularly drink in beauty; find a corner of Eden

- Invest in your future Home
- Travel together with fellow pilgrims
- Leave a record of your struggling and learning
- Pray for Jesus to return soon!

"Occasionally, weep deeply over the life you hoped would be. Grieve the losses. Then wash your face. Trust God. And embrace the life you have."

John Piper