


Guided by a cloud 25 (Exodus 13:21-22)

When we are travelling a distance we often put a postcode into Google maps to get directions. Strangely, since work started building new homes on the field behind our house, when we put in our home postcode for the return journey it directs us to this new housing estate! People often talk about life being a journey but not everyone is sure of their final destination. As Christians we can be safe in the knowledge there is a place for us in heaven. Hebrews 12:22-24 paints an amazing picture of our final destination with Christ.



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
hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Worship time

[Praise is rising](#)

[Light of the world](#)

[I will trust in you \(Psalm 23\)](#)

Hebrews 22-24 - ²² Instead, you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, with its thousands of angels. ²³ You have come to the joyful gathering

of God's first-born, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, who is the judge of all people, and to the spirits of good people made perfect. ²⁴ You have come to Jesus, who arranged the new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that promises much better things than does the blood of Abel.

Like a travel brochure the author of Hebrews describes our final destination that is heaven. When we set out on a journey to a new place we do so in a kind of faith that what we have read and heard about it will be true. Usually it is, but occasionally we are disappointed. In our Christian journey we need to have faith. We need to trust and be assured of our destination and have faith that it will be realised.

However, if we are solely destination focused we will miss out on the joys and experiences we can have along the way. Our challenge is to journey well, to enjoy the journey. When we get to the final destination we don't want to look back and wonder why we worried so much, why we trusted so little, why we forgot to look at the views. We want to look back and see how we travelled with God and the family and friends He put in our lives.

It's important that we work together on our journeys. There will be times when one or other of us finds the going difficult, the path too steep, and the terrain too rough and we need the support of others at that time. Support that encourages, that waits, that shares burdens, that leads, that cheers on etc. It is also important to journey with other people because we have a shared experience, a commonality that binds us together and it means that we don't only reach our own destination but we can help others reach theirs.

As church we are on a journey, following God's direction but we need to keep listening to him. We may not always be able to discern what's round the next corner but as we continue in faith God will reveal his plan and path to us. We can rejoice and be glad that we have been given a place in heaven to be with God. We are God's children now and we will see God face-to-face in the future. We have been promised eternal life.