

## Genesis 23 A Place for Us

Where is your go-to place where you feel at home (favorite chair, a friend's house, on a hike)?

God has promised Abraham a place for his family in the land of Canaan. He has been wandering around for over 25 years. Now, Sarah, his wife, has died. And he doesn't even own a plot of land to bury her. How would you feel?

How is Abraham's situation like our situation as Christians (John 14:1–3 and 2 Peter 3:13)?

Is that true? I thought "This is my father's world." In what sense is this world not our home?

What happens if we try to make this world (as it is) "our forever home?"

Genesis 23 details Abraham negotiating for some real estate. The burial plot is seen as "first fruits" or a down payment on what's to come. In God's time, the whole land will be theirs. God is beginning to fulfill his promise of a place for his people. Likewise, God has promised a place for us (John 14:1–3 and 2 Peter 3:13). How do you know God will fulfill his promise? What is our "down payment?"

Look at 2 Peter 3:13–14. How does knowing God is preparing a place for us impact how we live?