

My Loved Ones:

God says in Hebrews 11:16 - They desire a better country that is, a heavenly country.

Anticipation has always been important to God's people. In the Old Testament, they anticipated the promised land of Canaan. For the New Testament believer, we anticipate living forever with Him in His land.

Samuel Stennet was one of the most respected and influential preachers among the Dissenting or Non-Conformist people in England who did not go along with the Church of England, and would not submit to their requirements for worship because he believed that the Bible allowed more liberty in worship. He was a personal friend of King George III. He was a Baptist minister in England. Samuel served as assistant pastor to his father, then, when his father passed away, Samuel became the pastor of the church until his own death 37 years later on August 24, 1795, where he reached Canaan's fair and happy land. Stennet also wrote "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned Upon the Savior's Brow" one of my personal favorites.

Loved ones, stop and think about Heaven. It should be a motivating force in how we live today. No matter what happens on this earth, it's not the end of it all here. Heaven will never end! May we labor for what is going to last in life.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, / and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land, / where my possessions lie.

O'er all those wide extended plains / shines one eternal day;  
there God the Son forever reigns, / and scatters night away. [Refrain]

No chilling winds or poisonous breath / can reach that healthful shore;  
sickness and sorrow, pain and death, / are felt and feared no more. [Refrain]

When I shall reach that happy place, / I'll be forever blest,  
for I shall see my Father's face, / and in his bosom rest.

I am bound for the promised land, / I am bound for the promised land;  
oh, who will come and go with me? / I am bound for the promised land.

We love you and are praying for you today.