## **Migratory Birds**

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[0:00] The 11th of March. Migratory birds. Our passage is Hebrews 13, 14. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

In our country, we have a lot of birds which only spend part of the year here, before flying off, whether to northern countries or to Africa. They are not permanent British birds.

In a sense, Christians are also migratory people. As our text at the top of the page says, here we do not have an enduring city. Heaven has become our real home.

Many centuries ago, Christians were known as resident aliens. They lived on earth, but they were always on the move to their heavenly city where their savior waits to receive them. Does that mean we, if we are Christians, have to ignore all who are not Christians and separate ourselves from them? Of course not. While we are here, we have a job to do, to tell people about Jesus, to show the love and compassion which we receive from Jesus Christ, and to thank God for all the good and pleasant things which he has given to the world we live in.

We must try, as best we can, to bring peace and wholeness into our broken world. We should try, with God's help, to leave the world a better place as we journey on to our heavenly city.

[1:23] And a prayer. Dear Lord Jesus Christ, As I am marching on to Zion, the beautiful city of God, help me to tell people about the wonderful Savior whose home it is.

Amen.