



- There's something deep within each of us that longs to belong to a place called home.
- Because we all long to belong, we will be <u>homeless</u> until we find our home with God.
- In my study I discovered that the word "home" is used <u>186</u> times in the Bible.

- 1. We are homesick for God.
- •The phrase "set its feet" in Hebrew literally means "home."
- •Because we're homesick for God, our Christmas celebrations are often *incomplete*.

- 2. God is homesick for us.
- •This is the single, most unique quality of Christianity that makes it different from any other religion... *God became flesh*.
- •To say that Jesus pitched a tent implies that He wants to be on familiar terms with us.

- "Dwelling" is the same word used for "<u>tabernacle</u>" in the Old Testament.
- Being with Him gave them a sense of <u>belonging</u>, an identity, and a purpose.

- Incidentally, that's where the phrase, "Bought with a price" comes from.
- When we <u>believe</u> and <u>receive</u>
 Him, He will come and make His home in our hearts.
- We don't deserve our <u>destiny</u> because there's no way we can earn our way to a home in heaven.