



ENTICED BY A FAR COUNTRY

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“Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country ... LUKE 15:13 ESV

1. The far country is the place where we _____ ourselves from God.

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.
EPHESIANS 4:17-19 ESV

“A far country can also refer to a hidden place in our interior landscape.”
FATHER STEVEN KOSTOFF, *ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA*

2. The far country is _____.

... and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. LUKE 15:13-14 ESV

3. The far country leaves travelers _____,
_____, and _____.

“So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.” LUKE 15:15-16 ESV

_____ is a Jewish custom that cuts off a member of the community because he lost the family inheritance to the _____.

... an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. DANIEL 9:24-27

4. The far country is not _____.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles ... 1 PETER 2:11 ESV

By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land ... For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. HEBREWS 11:9-10 ESV

Home is the place where I am called a _____.