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## ***“THE LOVE THAT GOD HATES “***

I JOHN 2 VS 12-17

**INTRO:** A GROUP OF FIRST GRADERS HAD JUST COMPLETED A TOUR OF A HOSPITAL , AND THE NURSE WHO HAD DIRECTED THEM WAS ASKING FOR QUESTIONS. IMMEDIATELY A HAND

***“HOW COME THE PEOPLE WHO WORK HERE ARE ALWAYS WASHING THEIR HANDS ? “*** A LITTLE FELLOW ASKED.

AFTER THE LAUGHTER HAD SUBSIDED THE NURSE GAVE A WISE ANSWER: ***“ THEY ARE ALWAYS WASHING THEIR HANDS FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, THEY LOVE HEALTH; AND SECOND, THEY HATE GERMS. “***

IN MORE THAN ONE AREA OF LIFE, ***LOVE*** AND ***HATE*** GO HAND IN HAND. A HUSBAND WHO LOVES HIS WIFE IS CERTAINLY GOING TO EXERCISE A HATRED FOR WHAT WOULD HARM HER. ***“ YE THAT LOVE THE LORD, HATE EVIL ( PSALMS 97 VS 10 ). “*** LET LOVE BE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY. ABHOR WHAT IS EVIL; CLING TO WHAT IS GOOD “ ( ROM 12 VS 9 ).

JOHN’S EPISTLE HAS REMINDED US TO EXERCISE LOVE ( I JOHN 2 VS 7-11) – THE RIGHT KIND OF LOVE. NOW IT WARNS US THAT THERE IS A WRONG KIND OF LOVE, A LOVE THAT GOD HATES. THIS IS LOVE FOR WHAT THE BIBLE CALLS THE:

### **THE WORLD**

JOHN GIVES US FOUR REASONS WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT ***“ LOVE THE WORLD “*** :

**I.BECAUSE OF WHAT THE WORLD IS** - THE NEW TESTAMENT WORD ***“ WORLD “*** HAS AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT MEANINGS :

A. **PHYSICAL WORLD** – THE EARTH THAT GOD MADE (OUR PLANET ) ACTS 17 VS 24

B. **HUMAN WORLD** – MANKIND ( JOHN 3 VS 16 )

THESE TWO WORLDS SOMETIME APPEAR TOGETHER IN SCRIPTURE – ***JOHN 1 VS 10*** – HE ( JESUS ) WAS IN THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD ( EARTH ) WAS MADE BY HIM, AND THE WORLD ( MANKIND ) KNEW HIM NOT .

BUT THE WARNING ***“ LOVE NOT THE WORLD! “*** IS NOT ABOUT THE WORLD OF NATURE OR THE WORLD OF MEN. CHRISTIANS OUGHT TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY AND THE USEFULNESS OF THE EARTH CERTAINLY OUGHT TO LOVE PEOPLE – NOT ONLY THEIR FRIENDS, BUT EVEN THEIR ENEMIES. V

THE “**WORLD**” NAMED HERE IS AS OUR ENEMY IS AN:

**INVISIBLE SPIRITUAL SYSTEM OPPOSED TO GOD AND CHRIST** - THE WORLD IN THE BIBLE IS SATAN'S SYSTEM FOR OPPOSING THE WORK OF CHRIST ON EARTH. IT IS THE VERY OPPOSITE OF WHAT IS GODLY AND HOLY AND SPIRITUAL ( I JOHN 2 VS 16 ). “ WE KNOW THAT WE ARE OF GOD , AND THE WHOLE WORLD LIES IN THE POWER OF THE EVIL ONE. ( I JOHN 5 VS 19 ). JESUS CALLED SATAN “ ***THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD*** ” ( JOHN 12 VS 31 ). THE DEVIL HAS AN ORGANIZATION OF EVIL SPIRITS ( EPH VS 11-12 ) WORKING WITH HIM AND INFLUENCING THE AFFAIRS OF “ THIS WORLD. ”

JUST AS THE HOLY SPIRIT USES PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH GOD'S WILL ON EARTH, SO SATAN USES PEOPLE TO FULFILL HIS EVIL PURPOSES. UNSAVED PEOPLE, WHETHER THEY REALIZE IT OR NOT, ARE ENERGIZED BY “ THE PRINCE OF POWER OF THE AIR, THE SPIRIT THAT WORKETH IN THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE ” ( EPH 2 VS 1-2 ).

UNSAVED PEOPLE BELONG TO “ THIS WORLD. ” JESUS CALLED THEM “ THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD ” ( LUKE 18 VS 8 ). WHEN JESUS WAS HERE ON EARTH, THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD DID NOT UNDERSTAND HIM, NOR DO THEY UNDERSTAND THOSE THAT TRUST HIM ( I JOHN 3 VS 1 ). A CHRISTIAN:

IS A MEMBER OF A **HUMAN WORLD**

AND HE LIVES IN A **PHYSICAL WORLD**

BUT HE DOES NOT BELONG TO THE SPIRITUAL WORLD THAT IS SATAN'S SYSTEM FOR OPPOSING GOD.” ***IF YE WERE OF THE WORLD ( SATAN'S SYSTEM ), THE WORLD WOULD LOVE HIS OWN; BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE THE WORLD HATETH YOU***” ( JOHN 15 VS 18 ).

“ THE WORLD, ” THEN, IS NOT A NATURAL HABITAT FOR A BELIEVER. THE BELIEVER'S CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN ( PHIL 3 VS 20 ), AND ALL HIS EFFECTIVE RESOURCES FOR LIVING ON EARTH COMES FROM HIS FATHER IN HEAVEN.

THE BELIEVER IS SOMEWHAT LIKE A SCUBA DIVER . THE WATER IS NOT MAN'S NATURAL HABITAT, FOR HE IS NOT EQUIPPED FOR LIFE IN ( OR UNDER ) IT. WHEN A SCUBA DIVER GOES UNDER, HE HAS TO TAKE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT WITH HIM SO THAT HE CAN BREATHE.

WERE IT NOT FOR HOLY SPIRIT'S LIVING WITHIN US, AND THE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES WE HAVE IN:

- A. **PRAYER**
- B. **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**
- C. **WORD**

WE COULD NEVER MAKE IT ON HERE ON EARTH. WE COMPLAIN ABOUT THE POPULATION OF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE – THE ATMOSPHERE OF “ THIS WORLD ’ IS ALSO SO POLLUTED SPIRITUALLY THAT CHRISTIANS CANNOT BREATHE NORMALLY! BUT THERE IS A SECOND – AND MORE SERIOUS – REASON WHY CHRISTIANS MUST NOT LOVE THE WORLD.

**II. BECAUSE OF WHAT THE WORLD DOES** ( 1 JOHN 2 VS 15-16) “ IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM “ ( 1 JOHN 2 VS 15) WORLDLINESS IS NOT SO MUCH A MATTER OF ACTIVITY AS OF ATTITUDE. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A CHRISTIAN TO STAY AWAY FROM QUESTIONABLE AMUSEMENTS AND DOUBTFUL PLACES AND STILL LOVE THE WORLD, FOR WORLDLINESS IS A MATTER OF THE:

**HEART**

TO THE EXTENT THAT A CHRISTIAN IF A CHRISTIAN LOVES THE WORLD SYSTEM AND THE THINGS IN IT, HE DOES NOT LIVE THE FATHER. SO WORLDLINESS EFFECTS OUR RESPONSE TO THE :

**LOVE OF GOD**

**WILL OF GOD** - “ THE WORLD PASSETH AWAY, BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF GOD ABIDETH FOREVER “ ( 1 JOHN 2 VS 17 ) DOING THE WILL OF GOD IS A JOY FOR THOSE LIVING IN THE LOVE OF GOD. ‘ IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS. “ BUT WHEN A BELIEVER LOSES HIS ENJOYMENT OF THE FATHERS LOVE, HE FINDS IT HARD TO OBEY THE FATHERS WILL. WHEN YOU PUT THESE TWO FACTORS TOGETHER , YOU HAVE A PRACTICAL DEFINITION OF WORLDLINESS.

WORLDLINESS DEFINED – **ANYTHING IN A CHRISTIANS LIFE THAT CAUSES HIM / HER TO LOSE HIS ENJOYMENT OF THE FATHERS LOVE OR HIS DESIRE TO DO THE FATHERS WILL**

**TWO TEST OF WORLDLINESS**

1. **YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL LIFE** – RESPONDING TO THE FATHERS LOVE
2. **YOUR DAILY CONDUCT** – RESPONDING TO THE FATHERS WILL

**NOTE:** MANY THINGS IN THIS WORLD ARE DEFINITELY WRONG, AND GOD’S WORD IDENTIFIES THEM AS SINS: FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS WRONG TO:

1. **STEAL**
2. **LIE** ( EPH 4 VS 25,28)
3. **SEXUAL SINS** ( EPH 5 VS 1-3 )

ABOUT THESE AND MANY OTHER ACTIONS, CHRISTIANS CAN HAVE LITTLE OR NO DEBATE. BUT THERE ARE AREAS OF CHRISTIAN CONDUCT THAT ARE NOT SO CLEAR AND ABOUT WHICH EVEN THE BEST CHRISTIANS DISAGREE. IN SUCH CASES EACH BELIEVER MUST APPLY THE TEST TO HIS OWN LIFE AND BE HONEST IN HIS SELF-EXAMINATION, REMEMBERING THAT EVEN A GOOD THING MAY ROB A BELIEVER OF HIS ENJOYMENT OF GOD’S LOVE AND HIS DESIRE TO DO GOD’S WILL.

CLASS GIVE SOME EXAMPLES:

## **THREE DEVICES THAT THE WORLD SYSTEM USES TO TRAP CHRISTIANS**

1. **THE LUST OF THE FLESH** – (1 JOHN 2 VS 16 ) ANYTHING THAT APPEALS TO MANS FALLEN NATURE . THE FLESH DOES NOT MEAN THE BODY. RATHER, IT REFERS TO THE BASIC NATURE OF UNREGENERATE MAN THAT MAKES HIM BLIND TO SPIRITUAL TRUTH ( 1 COR 2 VS 14 ) THE FLESH IS THE NATURE WE RECEIVED IN OUR PHYSICAL BIRTH; SPIRIT IS THE NATURE WE RECEIVED IN OUR SECOND BIRTH ( JOHN 3 VS 5-6). WHEN WE TRUST CHRIST WE BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE ( 2 PETER 1 VS 4 ) A CHRISTIAN HAS BOTH THE OLD NATURE ( FLESH ) AND THE NEW NATURE ( SPIRIT ) IN HIS LIFE. AND WHAT A BATTLE THESE TWO NATURES CAN WAGE ( GAL 5 VS 17-23)! GOD HAS GIVEN MAN CERTAIN DESIRES, AND THESE DESIRES ARE GOOD:

**HUNGER** - IS NOT EVIL BUT GLUTTONY IS SINFUL

**THIRST** – IS NOT EVIL, BUT DRUNKENNESS

**WEARINESS** - SLEEP IS A GIFT FROM GOD, BUT LAZINESS IS SHAMEFUL

**SEX** – IS GOD’S PRECIOUS GIFT WHEN USED RIGHTLY; BUT WHEN IT IS USED WRONG IT BECOMES IMMORALITY

## **HOW THE WORLD OPERATES**

1. **IT APPEALS TO THE NORMAL APPETITES**

2. **TEMPTS US TO SATISFY THEM IN FORBIDDEN WAYS**

SEE THIS LIST OF THIS WORLDS ALLUREMENTS THAT APPEAL TO THE LOWER NATURE – AND THE FLESH IS WEAK ( MAT 26 VS 41 ) IF A CHRISTIAN YIELDS TO IT, HE WILL GET INVOLVED IN THE WORKS OF THE FLESH ( GAL 5 VS 19-21) PAUL GIVES US A LIST OF THE DEEDS OF THE FLESH )

**1.SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

**2.IMPURITY**

**3.DEBAUCHERY**

**4.IDOLATRY**

**5.WITCHCRAFT**

**6.HATRED**

**7.DISCORD**

**8.JEALOUSY**

**9. FITS OF RAGE**

## WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT THE OLD NATURE ( FLESH )

- A. **NO GOOD THING** –( ROM 7 VS 18 )
- B. **PROFITS NOTHING** ( JOHN 6 VS 63 )
- C. **PUT NO CONFIDENCE IN** ( PHIL 3 VS 3 )
- D. **MAKE NO PROVISION FOR** ( ROM 13 VS 14 )

THIS SAME DEVICE TRAPPED EVE IN THE GARDEN – “ AND WHEN THE WOMAN SAW THAT THE TREE WAS GOOD FOR FOOD ( *THE LUST OF THE FLESH* ) GEN 3 VS 6A )