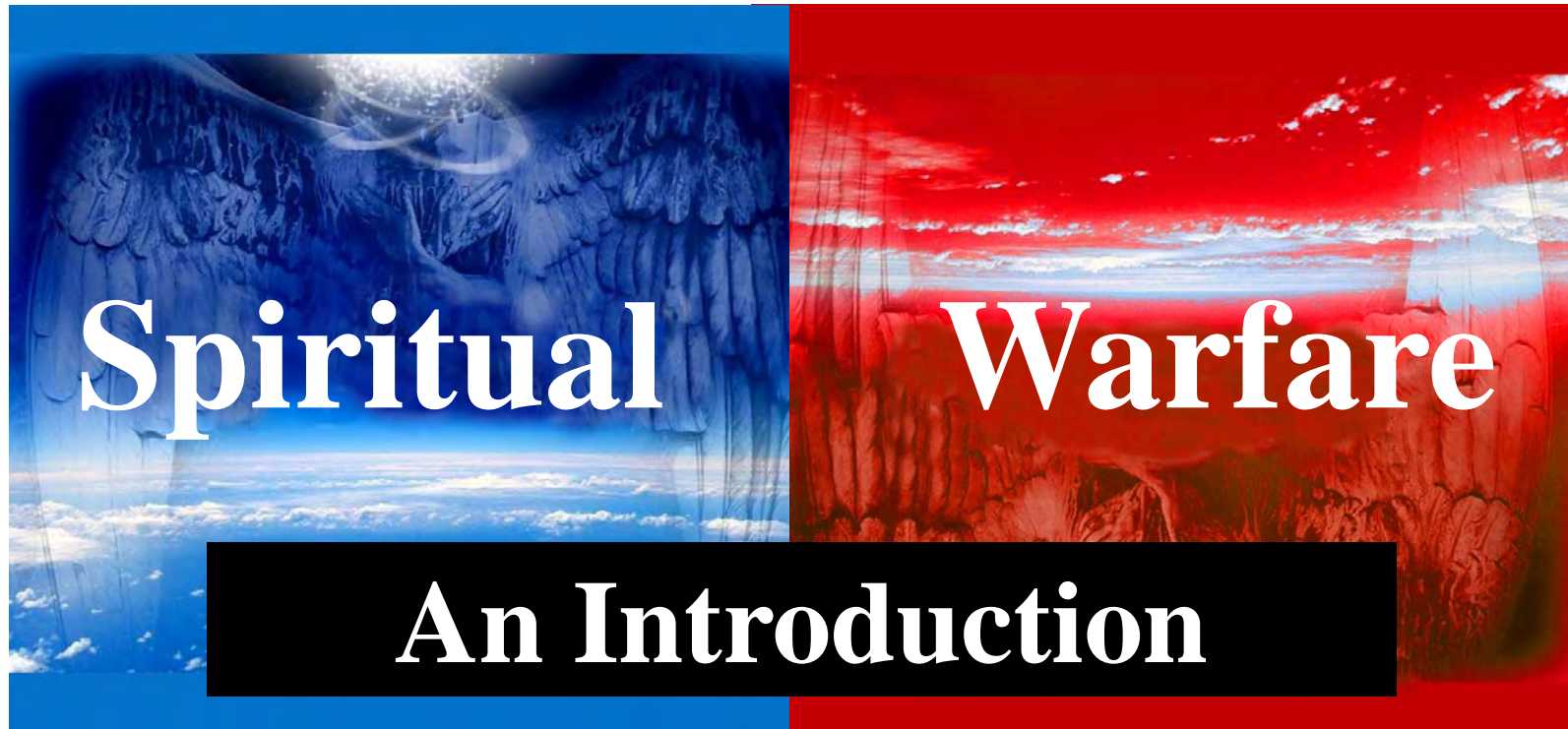




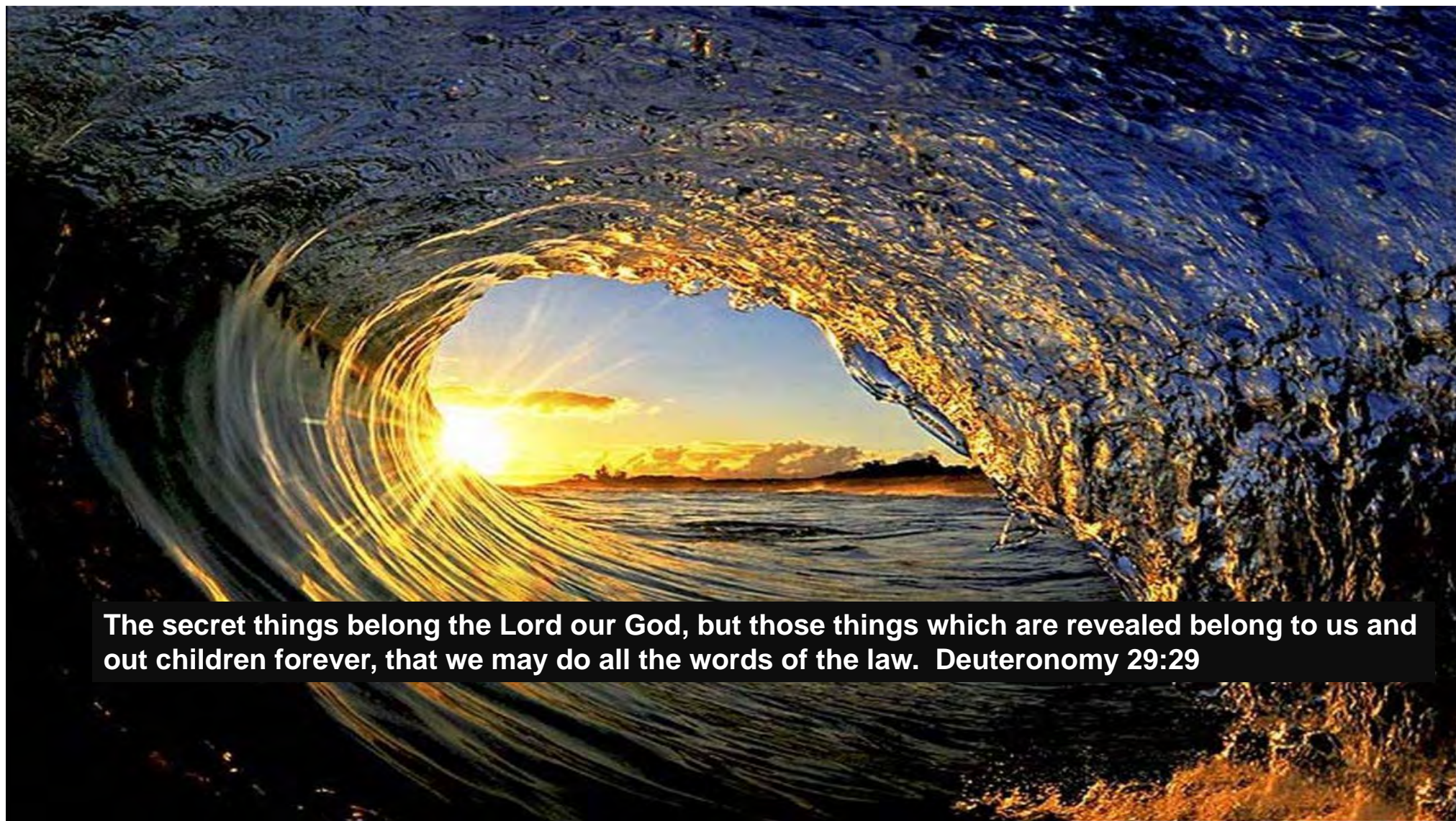
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# Spiritual Warfare



- 1. World Views**
- 2. Holy Angels**
- 3. Satan & Evil Angels**





**The secret things belong the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and our children forever, that we may do all the words of the law. Deuteronomy 29:29**





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# Three Battlefields

**The Pull of Sin is  
Supernatural  
From Around**

**The Pull of Sin is  
Social  
From Without**

**The World**

**Evil Supernaturalism**



# Three Battlefields

**The Pull of Sin is  
Personal  
From Within**

**The Flesh**





# The Multidimensional Sin Battles

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Ephesians 2:1-3

## Three Foes

The World  
The Flesh  
The Devil



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**The Battlefield of:**

**The World**

# Attacks From The World

What is the world?  
Worldliness?

It is a way of thinking, a mind set rather than actions.



# Attacks From The World

The Greek Word - *Kosmos*

# The Physical World



*Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
Let all the inhabitants of the  
world stand in awe of Him.*

Psalm 33:8



# The World of Mankind



*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*  
John 3:16-17

# The World - A System of Ideas





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# The World - A System of Ideas



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We know that we are of God,  
and the whole world lies *under the sway*  
of the wicked one.

1 John 5:19

# The World Systems Without God



World Rulers & Organizations

Politics

Entertainment

Business



# The World Systems Without God



“The cosmos is a vast order or system that Satan has promoted which conforms to his ideals, aims, and methods. It is civilization functioning apart from God...

# The World Systems Without God



...This system embraces its godless governments, conflicts, armaments, and jealousies, as well as its education, culture, religions of morality and pride...

# The World Systems Without God



...It is a sphere in which man lives.  
It is what he sees, what he  
employs.

To the uncounted multitude, it is all  
they ever know as long as they live  
on this earth.

Lewis Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. 2 p. 77.





# KINGDOM OF GOD

# Attacks of the World System

# Attacks From The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

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# The Lust of the Flesh

(1 John 2:15-17)

**Lust = strong desire**  
**Good or Evil?**



# The Lust of the Flesh

(1 John 2:15-17)

**Here - Strong Desire for Evil**

**Our evil desire to satisfy the impulses  
which stem from our fallen natures.**

If it feels good do it!

# The Lust of the Flesh

(1 John 2:15-17)

***If it feels good do it! - Sensual Pleasure***



***But it leads to slavery.***



# The Lust of the Flesh

(1 John 2:15-17)

Sexual	Spiritual	Relational	Physical
Immorality Impurity Sensuality  <b>Hurts Marriage and Family</b>	Idolatry Witchcraft Occult  <b>Breaks communication with Heavenly Father</b>	Hatred - Anger Discord - Factions Jealousy - Envy Selfish Ambition  <b>Damages brotherly love</b>	Drunkenness High on Drugs Activities brought on in state of intoxication  <b>Damages one's own body and often other's things</b>
Those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God			

***More later on Battlefield of the Flesh***

# Lust of the Eyes

(1 John 2:15-17)

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# The Lust of the Eyes

(1 John 2:15-17)

Tendency to believe that happiness can be found in having the things your eyes can see.

“I gotta have that – It will make me happy!”



# The Lust of the Eyes

(1 John 2:15-17)

**“I gotta have that - It will make me happy!”**



# The Lust of the Eyes

(1 John 2:15-17)

*The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear with hearing.*  
Ecclesiastes 1:8

*Hell and Destruction are never full;  
So the eyes of man are never satisfied.*  
Proverbs 27:20

# The Pride of Life

(1 John 2:15-17)

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# The Pride of Life

(1 John 2:15-17)

Pride concerning one's personal circumstances, wealth, social status, clothes, possessions.

People think more highly of themselves than they ought to think.

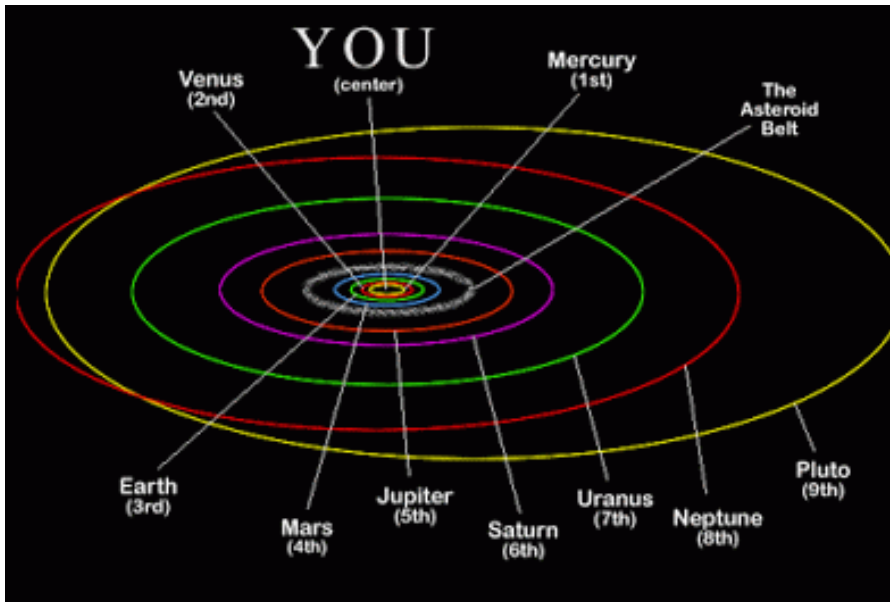




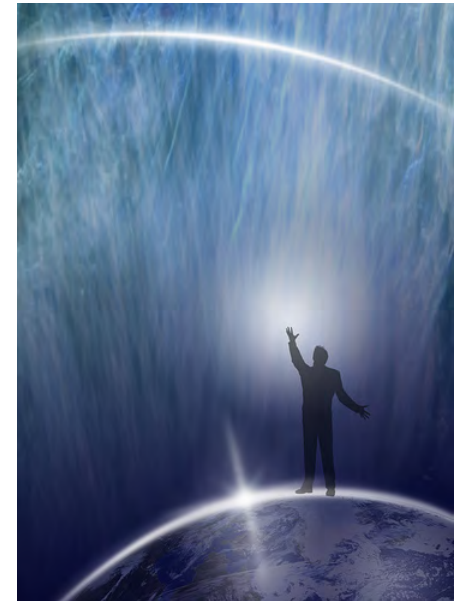
# The Pride of Life

(1 John 2:15-17)

The ambition to center one's life around them.



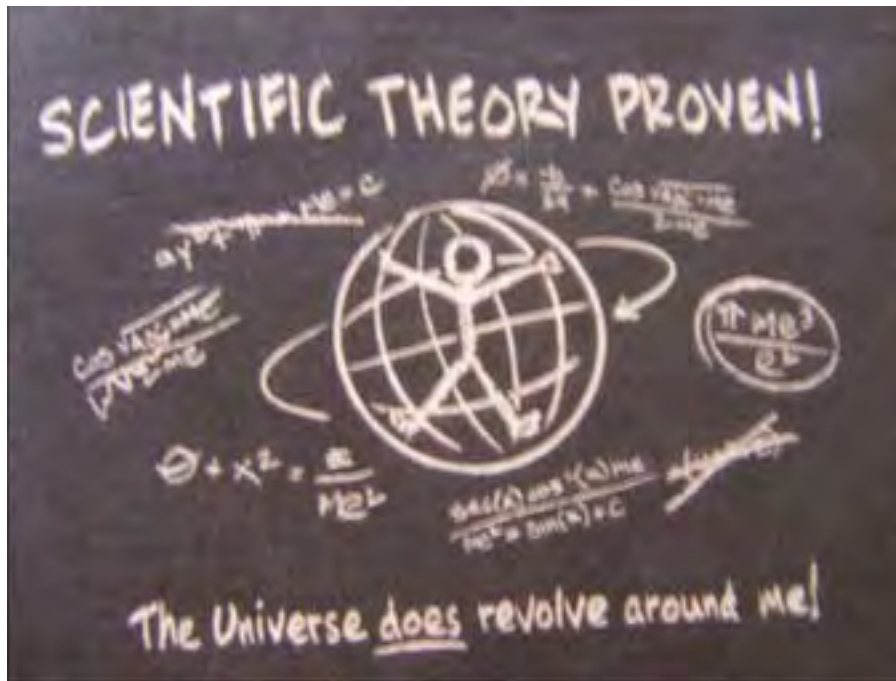
It should be on the God who made them.



# The Pride of Life

(1 John 2:15-17)

Self-Image, Self-Love, Self-Esteem, Self-Motivation



Therefore I  
deserve to have  
all I want.

**But**

# 1 Timothy 6:6-11

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.



# 1 Timothy 6:6-11

And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.





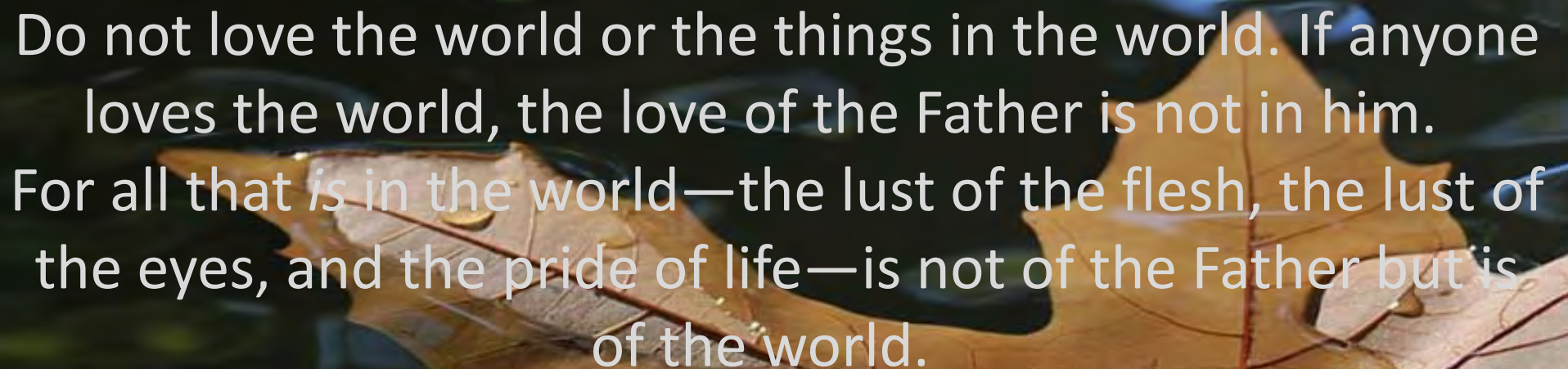
# 1 Timothy 6:6-11

For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.



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(1 John 2:15-17)



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**1 John 2:15-17**

# The World is Transitory

(1 John 2:15-17)

The person who loves the world, will have his life end in tragedy. All things he holds dear will end.



# Philosophy of Self Apart from God

The Lust of the Flesh - Passion

The Lust of the Eyes - Greed

The Pride of Life – Self Pride

Self Promoted – Submission to God = Disappointed

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Some Calls of the World

“Get All You Can!”

### 1. Accumulate as much as possible = Security and Happiness

**But** Luke 9:23-25

*If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?*



# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Some Calls of the World

“Don’t Be Stupid”

### 2. Reject God’s truth as Foolishness

**But 1 Corinthians 1:18**

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

# The World

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**But 1 Corinthians 1:20-21**

*Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.*

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

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### 2. Reject God’s truth as Foolishness

**But 1 Corinthians 1:25**

*Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

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“Don’t Be Stupid”

### 2. Reject God’s truth as Foolishness

**But 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

*For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. <sup>27</sup> But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; <sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, <sup>29</sup> that no flesh should glory in His presence. <sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— <sup>31</sup> that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.*

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Some Calls of the World

“Don’t Be Different”

### 3. Conform to acceptable patterns

**But Colossians 2:8-10**

*Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*



# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Some Calls of the World

### 3. Conform to acceptable patterns

**But Romans 12:1-2**

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

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(1 John 2:15-17)

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**But** John 17:14-17

*I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>7</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

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#### **But James 4:4-6**

*Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?*

*But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:*

*“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”*

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Victory over the World

*For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.  
And this is the victory that has overcome the world—  
**our faith.***

*Who is he who overcomes the world,  
but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

1 John 5:4-5

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Victory over the World

**“Our Faith”**

**The Revealed Will of God**

**Our Walk (Life) with the Lord Jesus Christ**



# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

Victory over the World

Our Faith

## The Choice – Your Faith

**Live According  
to the  
Kingdoms of this World**

**Live According  
to the  
Kingdom of God**

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Victory over the World

**“Our Faith” - Our Walk with the Lord Jesus Christ**

**John 16:33**

**Galatians 1:4**

**Galatians 2:20**

**Titus 2:11-14**

**James 1:27**

**1 John 4:4**

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Victory over the World

**“Our Faith” - Our Walk with the Lord Jesus Christ**

**John 16:33**

*In the world you will have tribulation;  
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Victory over the World

**“The Faith of us” - Our Walk with the Lord Jesus Christ**

**Galatians 1:4**

*...who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us  
from this present evil age,  
according to the will of our God and Father*

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Victory over the World

**“The Faith of us” - Our Walk with the Lord Jesus Christ**

**Galatians 2:20**

*...and the life which I now live in the flesh  
I live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved me and gave himself for me*



# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Victory over the World

**“The Faith of us” - Our Walk with the Lord Jesus Christ**

**Titus 2:11-12**

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age...*

# The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

## Victory over the World

**“The Faith of us” - Our Walk with the Lord Jesus Christ**

**James 1:27**

*Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this:  
to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep  
oneself unspotted from the world.*

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