

b. Doing God's will abides forever.

- 1) God's will is loving what He loves. It is opposite to loving the world.
 - a) (1 Timothy 6:11) "*But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.*"
 - b) (2 Timothy 2:22) "*Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*"
 - c) (Colossians 3:1-2) "*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*"
- 2) Loving the world is self-exalting and self-pleasing. Loving what God loves is God-exalting and God-pleasing. That is the will of God.
- 3) "He is no fool," wrote missionary martyr Jim Elliot, "who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."
- 4) Warren Wiersbe wrote, "A worldly believer lives for what he can see, the lust of the eyes; but a spiritual believer lives for the unseen realities of God (2Co 4:8-18). A worldly minded person lives for the pride of life, the vainglory that appeals to men, but a Christian who does the will of God lives for God's approval."
- 5) Christians who do God's will abide forever. Long after the Satan-led, anti-God culture around us is quashed and every unbeliever of the world is banished to the Lake of Fire, Christians will abide forever with the Lord. Now is the time to hate the love that God hates and build your life with gold, silver and precious stones that will last eternally. (Read Psalm 73)

Conclusion: You must decide for yourself. Will you forfeit God's fellowship to love the world; or will you hate the love that God hates and do His will?

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The Love God Hates

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Introduction: Read text. "Love not the world!" That makes no sense if it were addressed to unbelievers. Until a person is saved, he is addicted to the world. John is writing to Christians to warn them that loving the world conflicts with fellowshiping with God. **Love for the world is the love God hates.**

Transition: This evening I want to answer four questions about this passage that describe the love God hates and how to avoid it.

1. What is the world? (v.15)

a. It is anything that opposes God.

- 1) This verse tells us that loving the world is the opposite of loving what God the Father loves.
- 2) The "world" is not this earth, but the evil on this earth. The "world" as it is used here, began when Satan rebelled against God and lured Adam and Eve into sin. **The anti-God world was born.**
- 3) The world is anything that God does not approve. (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22) "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.*"
- 4) The world is anything that displeases God. (1 Peter 1:14) "*As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.*"
- 5) The world is anything that is not in the will of God. (Romans 12:2) "*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*"
- 6) The world is anything that may hurt you spiritually. (1 Peter 2:11) "*Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;*"

b. The world is the sinful lifestyle of unsaved people

- 1) It is the Satan-led, anti-God culture around us.
- 2) The world is not necessarily sinful people, but their sinful culture: the way they think, act, talk and worship. It is

their covetousness, selfishness, greed, immodest dress, habits, pleasures, filthy entertainment, godless values and goals, corrupt character, devilish music, and thirst for popularity or fame.

- 3) It is the anti-God way of life so common today.
- 4) The Satan-led, anti-God culture around us promotes many evil philosophies including humanism [man is able, no need for God], evolutionism [no divine creation], sensualism [desire for sensual pleasures], secularism [no religion], pantheism [god is the universe], atheism [no God exists], relativism [there are no absolutes], etc.
- 5) The world is any way of life that shames God, leaves God out of the picture, ignores the Bible, disobeys God, or twists what God says.
- 6) I believe in the past sixty years, the devil's greatest tool for promoting the world has been the television, followed next by music, and now by the Internet and social media.
- 7) *We are so used to the world that many Christians love the world God hates without even realizing it.*

2. What is loving the world and its things? (v.16)

Love is more than "the sacrificial giving of ourselves to meet the needs of another." It is esteeming another. In this context, it is elevating the world to a place of honour or esteem. It regarding the secular culture with strong affection or delight.

a. Loving the world is adopting its culture.

- 1) It is thinking like the world.
- 2) Rearing children like the world.
- 3) It is pursuing success or pleasure like the world.
- 4) It is dressing like the world.
- 5) It is talking like the world.

b. Loving the world is yielding to its enticements.

- 1) Yielding to the **lust of the flesh** – forbidden things that I am tempted to do. This is desiring to please your appetites, selfish desires, sensual cravings, carnal activities, and evil passions, etc.
- 2) Yielding to the **lust of the eyes** – forbidden things that I am tempted to take. This includes covetousness, greed,

gambling, stealing, pornography and adultery. It is wanting more than what God has given you. It is saying that God is not enough for you (Heb 13:5).

- 3) Yielding to the **pride of life** – forbidden things that I am tempted to be. This is wanting to be something that God has not planned for you. For Eve, it was to be like God. For you it may be to be famous, praised, popular, pretty, strong, influential, promoted or honoured. It is driven by the sin of pride.

3. Can a Christian love the world? (v.15)

a. Yes! If not, God would not have so forbid it.

- 1) We still have our old nature that is rebellious.
- 2) We struggle to walk daily in the Spirit so that we will not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

b. Loving the world blocks God's fellowship.

- 1) If we love the world, we do not love the things God loves. We are not walking in the light. We are not fellowshiping with God.
- 2) We cannot fellowship with God while we love what He hates. (Proverbs 8:13) "*The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.*"

4. What should we love that will last? (v.17)

a. The world and its lusts will pass away.

- 1) The world will pass away. The Satan-led, anti-God culture around us will not last. Fame, success, beauty, pleasure, money, even making a better life for your kids, godless philosophies will all pass away. They are all vanity.
- 2) The lusts of the world will not last. Every sinful passion, sensual pleasure, covetous desire and prideful ambition will be burned up. (1 Corinthians 3:13) "*Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*"
- 3) Loving the world will result in eternal loss. (1 Corinthians 3:15) "*If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*"