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THE SEPARATED LIFE OF HEAVENLY CITIZENS

2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 1 John 2:12-17

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-18

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Cor 6:17,1). The Lord calls His people to come out of the world, to be separated unto Him and serve Him exclusively (Exo 19:5,6; Lev 20:24; 1 Sam 7:3,4; 1 Pet 2:9). One weapon the devil uses to destroy fervent believers, serious churches, and powerful ministers is worldliness. Anointed men died prematurely (Samson), favoured kings fell heavily (Solomon), promising ministers derailed painfully (Demas), and once vibrant churches slumped pitifully (Laodicea) thereby. Worldliness is overemphasis on earthly things; it is to follow unscriptural examples or patterns in lifestyle, worship or trade. The call to separation from the world is serious; take it to heart to preserve your crown (Heb 12:16,17; James 4:4; 2 John 1:8; Rev 3:11).

THE SOLEMN WARNING AGAINST WORLDLINESS 1 John 2:14,15; 2 Corinthians 6:14^a,17

God is jealous. The warning here is for all: little children, fathers, and young men. **“Love not the world.”** It is clear and solemn. Association with the world is dangerous. The world depicts the mentality, ideology, lifestyle, mannerisms and behaviour of those who are not born again whether they are within our family circle, in the visible Church or outside. There is danger when we mingle with the people of the world because their ways oppose and corrupt the heavenly way (Jer 10:1-3; Rom 12:1,2; 1 Cor. 15:33; James 4:4; 1 Pet 2:11). We should not love the things that are in the world; that is, we should not let earthly things claim our affection. They may shine and attract, but they are deadly (Rev 3:17; 1 Pet 4:3-5; 1 Tim 5:6). No matter the profession, passion or preaching, a lover of the world does not have the love of the Father in him (1 Cor 11:16; Jam 4:4). A Christian should not copy unbelievers. The world is evil (John 17:14,16; 2 Cor 6:17,18; 1 John 5:19).

THE SINFUL WORLD AND ITS WICKEDNESS 1 John 2:16; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

We live in an unwashed, perverse, wicked world... a generation of vipers. It is evil and satanic; that is why we should not love it (Mat 23:33; Acts 2:40; Gal 1:4). What must we flee from particularly? **One**, there is ***the lust of the flesh***, which includes immorality, gluttony, and pleasure-seeking (1 Cor 6:15-20; Eph 5:3-5; Exo 32:6; 1 Tim 5:6). Fleshly, sin-exalting sensual music, explicit dressing, seductive dancing or partying, immoral movies, extravagant ceremonies, etc., contradict Christian principles of holiness, sobriety and vigilance. **Two**, there is also ***the lust of the eyes***. These things distract and rob us of singular devotion to the Lord. They include love of money, possession or property (Jos 7:20,21; Gen 19:26; 2 Tim 4:10). And **three**, there is ***the pride of life***. This can be privilege, position or power. The danger here is the tendency to be high-minded, not serving the Lord humbly due to the praise of men or self-conceit (1 Cor 4:7; Est 3:1-5; Luke 12:16-19; Rev 3:17).

THE SAINT'S WISDOM IN WATCHFULNESS 1 John 2:15,17; 2 Corinthians 6:17,18

What then should be your attitude? **One**, live daily in the consciousness that the world is passing away (1 Cor 7:31; 2 Cor 4:18; 2 Pet 3:10). **Two**, do not build your hopes here; earnestly focus your attention on heaven (Mat 6:19-21; Col 3:1-3; Heb 11:14-16; 13:14). **Three**, earnestly contend for the faith to preserve your foundation and crown. To overcome the world, your faith in Christ must be current (1 John 5:4,5; Jude 1:3; Rev 2:7,11,17,26-28; 3:5,12,21). Note: Church leaders cannot pretend to love members more than God loves them. If we give undue honour to the rich, indulge rebellion, permit flesh-revealing dressing, etc., in the name of love, God will soon be grieved and leave our house unto us desolate (Luke 13:35). And **four**, be married to the will of God. That means you must understand it, prove it, and do it from the heart, completely and perfectly; do it without looking back, and that continually (Eph 5:17; Rom 12:1,2; 6:6; 1 John 2:17).

God's warning is clear; His call to total separation is unmistakable. He who would please the Lord must steer clear of the world and completely devote himself to things of eternal value (2 Tim 2:3,4). This is the only reasonable and acceptable service that we can render to our God (Rom 12:1,2).

“If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them” – John 13:17