BOOK OF 1 JOHN
Lesson #5 - Do Not Love the World
Scripture Reading: 1John 2:15-17

Introduction:
1. E.g. Keeping one’s eyes on the road.
2. We must not love the world, nor the things in the world
3. We do not love the world because of...

I. WHAT THE WORLD HAS
   A. DEFINITIONS
      1. Lust of the flesh
         a. This would include sexual immorality
         b. The satisfaction of any fleshly indulgence apart from God’s will.
      2. Lust of the eye
         a. Pursuing happiness by what one sees
         b. This is a focus on the temporal, not the eternal -2Co 4:16-18
      3. Pride of life
         a. Motivates on to “keep up with the Joneses”
         b. Seeking one’s own glory

   B. EXAMPLES:
      1. Eve -Ge 3:1-6
      2. Jesus -Mt 4:1-11

II. WHAT THE WORLD DOES NOT HAVE
   A. DISTINCTION TO BE MADE
      1. One cannot walk in two paths -Mt 7:13, 14
      2. One cannot walk after the flesh and the Spirit -Ga 5:16-ff
   B. THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM
      1. We remember what God has done for us -Jn 3:16, Ro 5:6-9; 8:31-ff
      2. Sin loses its luster in the light of God’s love!

III. THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY
   A. TWO IMPORTANT TEMPS:
      1. Our life is temporal -Ja 4:14; Ro 13:11-14
      2. The world is temporal -2Pe 3:10-13
   B. HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF GOD
      1. Loving God -Jn 14:15
      2. Knowing His will -Hos 4:6; Ac 17:11
      3. Doing His will -Ja 1:22; Ro 2:13; Lk 6:46; Mt 7:21-23

Conclusion:
1. What do we focus upon? (World, or God?)
2. Two destinies:
   a. The world will be destroyed along with those who follow
   b. Those who do God’s will abides forever!

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