

Called and Separated From THE WORLD

KEY CONCEPTS: THE WORLD ITS APPEAL TO THE UNREDEEMED MAN-WOMAN

If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from the world.” (John 18:36)

Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world (Galatians 1:3-4)

1John 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 1Jn 2:17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

*1Corinthians 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 1Corinthians 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. - - 1Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received not **the spirit of the world**, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 1Co 2:13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 1Co 2:14 The natural (unredeemed) person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*

Jesus exhorted his disciples concerning the worldly Herod. Herod exemplifies the attributes of worldliness in its seductive and pernicious nature. What was true of the days of Herod is still as true today **Pride, Power, Sensuality, Excess, Materialism.**

Mar 8:15 And he (Jesus) charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

The Apostle John Has Written Notably On The Pitfalls and The Seductive Spirit of This World. It Is This World and Its Demonic Rulership That Has The Power to Entice and Draw Us Away From God.

Jesus brings light to the darkened world and is the source of life to all who believe on him. *John_1:9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.*

Jesus who created all things but the world did not know or receive “the gift.”

John_1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

The Holy Spirit revealed to John the Baptizer that Jesus was to be the Lamb sacrificed for the sin condition of every earth-bound person in the world.

John_1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

In John’s gospel, chapter 3 we are told that Jesus explains a supernatural salvation to a Pharisee, Nicodemus. This transformation is called being “BORN AGAIN.” (John 3:v3) *John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

The world needed rescuing. It was the Father’s plan that Jesus bear the sin and curse with which the world had been bound with since Adam’s fall.

John_3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John_3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Spiritual condemnation is a horrible consequence, “condemnation” is the penalty that still remains by rejecting Christ Jesus’ free gift of salvation. It is a choice of life over damnation.

John 3:18 He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Light is come into the world but the world loves the life of “darkness.” This life is governed by the attraction of ‘the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life’ which Satan uses as bait to bind us.

John_3:19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

in John Chapter 4, A woman of Samaria is given special revelation by Jesus. She represents the soon-coming outreach to the gentile world and is given proof enough to persuade an entire ethnic group the Jesus is the Messiah, the way of salvation. Jesus offers a prophetic hint when he says, “I need to go to Samaria” and later that he spent “two days” there.

John_4:42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

Moses said a prophet would come after him to reveal God’s plan. Deuteronomy 18:15, where he states, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers; you must listen to him."

John6:14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

The “Bread of Life” is a miraculous gift of life. It sustained the children of Israel in the natural world in the form of “mana” and is a type of Jesus who brings eternal life from the dead to the Spirit of a person in redemption.

John_6:33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”John_6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The world is willing to be awed or entertained by a miracle worker. Herod wanted Jesus to do some miraculous sign. The world is persuaded by simple evidence but knowledge itself does not change a fallen soul. This requires a deeper work and a divorcing from worldly ambitions and attraction.

John_7:4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.” John_7:7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. The spiritual life so contrasts with this world’s values that it hates those who claim to follow Jesus.

The eyes of the blind are opened and they see. This is manifest when someone is born from above. The Spirit of Truth opens our eyes to seek after and experience heavenly things. Those who are wed to the world have eyes but their eyes still “darkened”.

John_8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Jesus is confronting the religious rulers who can not understand his message or his true identity. Though he engages the rulers with evidence they will not receive it.

Joh_8:26 I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.”

Jesus chooses and calls those he has designated to be born again. These “called out ones” share the task of being Light Bearers in a darkened world.

John_9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

The story of the man born blind is told in John 9. He is miraculously healed by Jesus. The account is a perfect metaphor of the human race born blind to the nature of true Spiritual sight and understanding. It also shows the unbelieving behavior of Pharisees and the cruelty of the law.

John_9:32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.

Once again, Jesus is contending for his purpose and calling in the world. The religious class are totally blind even to the scriptures that clearly speaks of him.

John_10:36 do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?

Mary, at the death of Lazarus confesses her faith in the Messiah. The prophesied Messiah had come. Faith has confirmed Christ’s identity to her.

John_11:27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

The Pharisees represent religious authorities who are blind to Spiritual truths! The world is full of experts who are elevated in many religions. These possess the credentials that purport them to possess correct doctrine and knowledge but are still outside of Spiritual redemption.

John_12:19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Here again is Jesus declaring his mission in the world. As Savior, not as the judge. This is an echo of John Chapter 3.

John_12:46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 12:47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. (The Word is that power that will finally judge the works of all people. That Word is settled in heaven as the second person of the trinity.)

God has a precise plan and timeline for the unfolding of his purpose and plan in the world. Christ's first coming was prophesied well in advance. There is a more precise timeline given in detail in Daniel chapter 9. He achieved his mission and knew that his departure would follow. Likewise, his second advent is prophesied in detail. It is a time we still are awaiting.

John_13:1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

Jesus guided his disciples with his living presence and after he was to depart he promised another, comforter, teacher and helper to come to guide and teach. The Holy Spirit would be the living entity who would supply Christ's voice and wisdom and power.

John_14:17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

The departure was a brief one for the close inner circle. Jesus would return and verify with many proofs that he had risen from the dead.

John_14:19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

Judas the disciple asked a meaningful question; the world in a sense will not believe even when a convincing testimony be given for them to consider. Later in the coming age of grace or the "church age" many more will be called out of the world to know the living Savior.

John_14:22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"

Jesus, in prepping his disciples, assures them that they will possess qualities the world can not know about nor understand.

John_14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Jesus speaks of his relationship and union with the Father. His ministry was not of his own will and effort but by following the voice and unction of the Heavenly Father.

John_14:31 but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

The disciple who is born of the Spirit will suffer the same derision and prejudice as Jesus experienced. The hatred by the world is the price we share in bearing his image

John_15:18 "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

(19) If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

The promise of the coming Holy Spirit will do amazing things. He will be the living presence of God continually bearing witness of truth to a contentious world.

John_16:8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

In times of trouble we are promised a balm of peace and a hope and joy in the face of trials, even great trials.

John_16:20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. John_16:21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

In John Chapters 16 and 17 Jesus informs us that his life mission has concluded save for a few short hours to fulfill. Jesus speaks to the Father about a time of rejoining Him in that exalted place in heaven at the Father's right hand.

Joh_16:28 I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

Speaking the "end from the beginning" Jesus points to the resolution of the fallen world to return it once again to full redemption. Along the pathway

of time the Power of God breaks through strongholds of evil and brings great victory in times of peril.

John_16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

John 17 is rich with heavenly imagery and revelation on the mystery nature of the triune Godhead. Jesus speaks of the mission and calling in detail as being fulfilled with the drawing an elect group of disciples to himself and showing them the way forward.

John_17:5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. _17:6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. _17:9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

Jesus speaks as though the event of his leaving the world has already transpired. He prays for perfect unity of mind and mission for his disciples and followers.

John _:11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Jesus declares his intention that they who follow him in this world will know the assurance of joy which he had possessed.

John_17:13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

Jesus affirms that the world will hate them even as Jesus will always be hated because his Spirit is contrary to the world.

John_17:14 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.

Jesus prays that the disciples and those who follow them will be guarded from the evil which prevails in this present world unto which they must bear record and minister.

John_17:15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.(:16) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Jesus prays that they who are to be called are also sent to minister just as Jesus was called. These are to be a lasting extension of Christ's earthly ministry.

John_17:18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

The intimacy of being IN Christ is a revelation that just as Jesus was intimately at one with the Father we who are born again into Christ's Body shall be in the same intimate union. This mystical New Creation will be apparent and a witness of God possessing humanity.

John_17:21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. Joh_17:23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

The destiny of humanity is now established. That which was lost will have a restored position in the kingdom economy of heaven. That which was fallen and accursed will have a place of honor in the Father's house. The prodigal seen from afar off is restored with the signet ring and the fresh robes of redemption.

Joh_17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Jesus burden for the lost world continues as he prays that a remnant of this fallen world will be gifted to him as an eternal legacy.

John_17:25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

How should we who are in Christ bear witness to the truth? We speak openly and directly without pretense and don't exalt ourselves as though we had secret knowledge of sacred things.

John_18:20 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.

Jesus confesses before Pilate that the nature of His Kingdom is not NOW. It is held in abeyance until the prophetic clock signals the appropriate time. The key word that Pilate is told is; *my kingdom is for another time* but it will indeed be a great kingdom in the fullness of time. I believe Pilate had more than a glimmering that Jesus was who he said he was and that he represented the very Kingdom of God.

Joh_18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Joh_18:37 Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

The witness of Christ in the world is ongoing even as Jesus prayed in John 17. His ministry of deliverance and miracles were great in number when he was here on earth but in the 2000 years following, his body has continued as the church incarnate and the tally of wonders and miracles has continued without number.

Joh_21:25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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