



# LOVE NOT THE WORLD

Session One Review



# 1 JOHN 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.



# WHAT IS THE WORLD?

The “world” is not:

- Earth
- People
- Culture

Culture is a pattern of behavior and beliefs shared by a group of people or society enabling them to function together effectively as a community.



# WHAT IS THE WORLD?

The “world” is the part of culture that is in rebellion against God.

- People who are living under Satan’s influence
- People who are living to please themselves



## EPHESIANS 2:2-3

...following the course of this world,  
following the prince of the power of the air, the  
spirit that is now at work  
in the sons of disobedience—

<sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived  
in the passions of our flesh,  
carrying out the desires of the body  
and the mind...



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Lessons from the Old Testament



# DISTINCTIVE FROM THE WORLD

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice  
and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured  
possession among all peoples,

for all the earth is mine;

<sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests  
and a holy nation...

Exodus 19:5-6



## DISTINCTIVE FROM THE WORLD

Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean,

<sup>26</sup> But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations....

Leviticus 18:24, 26





# DISTINCTIVE FROM THE WORLD

And you shall not walk in the customs  
of the nation that I am driving out before you,  
for they did all these things,  
and therefore I detested them.

<sup>24</sup> ...I am the Lord your God,  
who has separated you from the peoples.

Leviticus 20:23-24



# ATTRACTIVE TO THE WORLD

See, I have taught you statutes and rules,  
as the Lord my God commanded me,  
that you should do them in the land  
that you are entering to take possession of it.

Deuteronomy 4:5



# ATTRACTIVE TO THE WORLD

Keep them and do them,  
for that will be your wisdom and your  
understanding in the sight of the peoples,  
who, when they hear all these statutes, will say,  
'Surely this great nation is a wise and  
understanding people.'

Deuteronomy 4:6



# ATTRACTIVE TO THE WORLD

And what great nation is there,  
that has statutes and rules so righteous  
as all this law that I set before you today?

Deuteronomy 4:8



# LET THEM SEE THE LIGHT

and in your offspring  
shall all the nations of the earth be blessed,  
because you have obeyed my voice.

Genesis 22:18



# LET THEM SEE THE LIGHT

It is too light a thing  
that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach  
to the end of the earth.

Psalm 49:6



# THEY WILL SERVE THE LORD

It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the Lord  
shall be established as  
the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,  
Isaiah 2:2



# THEY WILL SERVE THE LORD

and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:3





# THEY WILL SERVE THE LORD

At that time Jerusalem shall be called  
the throne of the Lord,  
and all nations shall gather to it,  
to the presence of the Lord in Jerusalem,  
and they shall no more stubbornly follow  
their own evil heart.

Jeremiah 3:17