

John 275“What A Wonderful World Or Is It?” Part 3

John 17 Common Word Study 1st Timothy 4:1-7; 1st Peter 5:1-11

The world system is Satan’s strategy as the ruler of this world to control unbelievers and influence believers; it’s His policy for rulership of his world.

Satan’s world system is composed of two separate major highways; Route 1 is Satan’s exploitation of people through their own arrogance; it’s his means of enslaving the human race.

Route 2 is Satan’s false philosophy or his indoctrination university to educate and promote opposition to anything related to God, especially in terms of the grace of God.

Only through learning, understanding, believing and applying biblical truth do we have any hope of becoming experientially victorious, thus complementing our Lord’s strategic victory in His battle against Satan on the Cross.

Route 1 on Satan’s highway from Hell mimics him in emphasizing self in contrast to God and Route 2 emphasizes human viewpoint psychological living in contrast to divine viewpoint spiritual living.

There are three ways in which the world system can influence an unbeliever: 1. Demon possession of unbelievers which is the demon invasion into the body of an unbeliever by one or more demons BUT because of the indwelling of all three Members of the Trinity, no demon can indwell the body of a believer.

2. And then we have demon influence, the demon invasion of the soul through the doctrines of demons, aka world thinking in 1st Timothy 4:1-7.

3. Satan’s world system also promotes psychologically-based living which is life without God which is also the outward manifestation of real spiritual death.

Whenever we dabble in the world system, demon influence is highly likely.

Demon invasion of thought affects our self-consciousness, our free-will choices and our overall mental attitude and this explains why far too many believers actually become psychotic.

Only believers in Jesus Christ have the potential of having a living relationship with God and being in His experiential plan but whether they take advantage of their potential depends upon their choices in life.

We cannot partake of God’s Communion table as a vital part of spiritual living in the experiential plan of God and the table of demons which is involvement in demon influence and psychological living in the world system at the same time.

From the First Advent of Jesus Christ to His Second Advent, sadly believers in every generation will reject biblical truth and become involved in Satan’s world system, be ruled by psychologically-based living and be influenced in their souls by demons.

The issue of spiritual living versus worldly psychologically-based living is seen in James 4:6-8

The uniqueness of the Church Age is due to the fact that it’s an extension of the Incarnation.

Never before in history has 100% of God’s omnipotence been made available to every believer.

Only this dispensation does every believer receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, making him a brand-new spiritual species as a member of the Royal Family of God.

Possessing God’s brand of happiness in spiritual adulthood is actually the highest and greatest use of power ever to exist as a grace solution for man.

But the highest grace solution for Old Testament believers was the Faith-Rest life, so for us in the Church Age, this speaks to greater grace and more than greater grace!

God resists arrogant believers but the humble believer who is objective and teachable, having genuine humility from His experiential plan, He freely exalts.

WE RESIST the DEVIL BY:

- 1. Resisting the temptation to depart from the experiential plan of God and not recover out of the world system back into to fellowship by naming our sins to God.**
- 2. Persisting in our pursuit of biblical truth which in spiritual childhood is biblical rehabilitation and in spiritual adulthood is application of processed truth, which is fulfilling God's plan for our lives.**
- 3. Maintaining momentum in the spiritual life and drawing near to God.**

In a sense, we have two minds:

- 1. What we've received through exposure to the Word of God;**
- 2. What we've received from demon influence in the world and that's why we are constantly challenged with both human viewpoint and divine viewpoint and there remains a conflict between the two.**

The pastor is to become an example or pattern only through the teaching of biblical truth; everyone has his own areas of personal weakness, including pastors.

The pattern the pastor is to set is not a matter of his lifestyle but his daily, consistent intake of the Word of God; that is what his congregation is to emulate and certainly not his personality.

Achievement belongs to God but the happiness attached to achievement belongs to us!

We only suffer for blessing when we resist the devil and or live in the experiential plan of God under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit producing momentum from processed biblical truth; other wise we suffer for our own poor choices or for discipline sake.