

Helps in overcoming the world

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Introduction

1. 1 John 2:15-17
2. We are told in the passage not to love the world or the things in the world.
3. We can understand that but are there helps out there for us not to love the world?
4. Yes, we struggle because we are weak. I want to live right. I want to go to Heaven, but I need help! Mark 9:23-24
5. Let us look at some help

II Discussion

1. We must realize we are not here for much longer
 - a. Job 14:1 few days
 - b. James 4:13-14 Life is a vapor
 - c. Job 7:6 swifter than a weavers shuttle
 - d. Job 9:25 swifter than a post
 - e. It is as the grass 1 Peter 1:24
 - f. Proverbs 27:1 what a day may bring forth
 - g. If you are 40 and the average life is 75 they you have 11,775 days left, what then, Job 14:14 will he live again?
2. We must realize that the world cannot satisfy
 - a. The prodigal did not find happiness, contentment, or; a meaningful way of life in a far country Luke 15:11-32
 - b. We have more money to spend, more time to spend it in and yet; suicides are the highest they have ever been, why?
 - c. We are just strangers and pilgrims 1 Peter 2:11; Hebrews 11:13-15; 13:14 seeking one to come
 - d. Titus 2:11-12 The grace teaches us that there are some things we are to deny ourselves but why because Hebrews 11:24-25 the pleasures of sins which are for a season
3. We must realize that this world will not last long
 - a. Text says "the world passes away"
 - b. This world will pass away 1 Corinthians 7:31 Same word used in 1 John 2:17
 - c. Heaven and earth shall pass away. Matthew 24:36
 - d. It will all be gone Matthew 6:19-21
 - e. 2 Peter 3:9-14
4. We must realize that we cannot take anything from this world with us.
 - a. Job 1:21
 - b. 1 Timothy 6:6-7
 - c. Psalm 49:10; Luke 12:15-20
 - d. Proverbs 23:5 fly away as an eagle toward heaven
 - e. Proverbs 27:24 riches are not forever
5. We must realize the true nature of worldliness
 - a. The prodigal son illustrates this Luke 15:11-32
 - b. The world is disillusioning Where was the freedom and happiness

- c. The world is divisive he was away from his father
- d. The world will disgrace he was feeding swine
- e. The world is destructive he wasted all that he had
- f. The world is death-bringing, the father said this my son was dead
- g. Such are the rewards of a worldly life so why choose it?

III Conclusion

- 1. The world is an enemy of us all because of the prince of this world, the devil
- 2. We can overcome him James 4:7
- 3. It will not be easy
- 4. But we have these helps that are placed before us today
- 5. Will you overcome the world by submitting to God this day?
- 6. Come now!

Source: Studies in 1,2,3, John Denton Lecutre 1987 Thompson chain reference.