

WORLD (KOSMOS)

[Selected Passages concerning the “world.”]

LET LIGHT SHINE IN WORLD

Matthew 5:14 — You are the **light of the world**. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Philippians 2:15-16 — . . . prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as **lights in the world**, holding fast the word of life . . .

IN WORLD, BUT NOT OF WORLD

John 15:19 — If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the **world hates you**.

John 17:14-16 — I have given them Thy word; and the **world has hated them**, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

1 Corinthians 4:13 — when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the **scum of the world**, the dregs of all things, even until now.

1 Corinthians 5:10 — I did not at all mean with the **immoral people of this world**, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.

James 4:4 — You adulteresses, do you not know that **friendship with the world** is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 John 2:15-16 — Do not love the world, nor **the things in the world**. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

NOT CONFORMED TO THE WORLD

Romans 12:2 — And do not be **conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

WISDOM OF WORLD = FOOLISHNESS

1 Corinthians 1:20 — Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the **wisdom of the world**?

1 Corinthians 3:19 — For the **wisdom of this world** is foolishness before God. For it is written, “He is the one who catches the wise in their craftiness;”

ONE IS NOT ALONE IN RESISTING THE WORLD

1 Peter 5:9 — But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by **your brethren who are in the world**.

ESCAPE FROM WORLDLINESS

2 Peter 1:4 — For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped **the corruption that is in the world by lust**.

2 Peter 2:20 — For if after they have escaped the **defilements of the world** by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

Matthew 16:26 — For what will a man be profited, if he **gains the whole world**, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

WORRY OF THE WORLD

Matthew 13:22 — And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the **worry of the world**, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Mark 4:19 — and the **worries of the world**, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Luke 12:29-30 — And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not keep worrying. For all these things the **nations of the world eagerly seek**; but your Father knows that you need these things.

WORLD NEEDS TO HEAR THE GOSPEL

Mark 16:15 — And He said to them, “Go into **all the world** and preach the gospel to all creation.”

John 3:16-17 — For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the **world should be saved** through Him.

John 8:12 — Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the **light of the world**; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

2 Corinthians 5:19 — . . . God was in Christ **reconciling the world to Himself**, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

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