Concerns For the Family

#05: Do Not Love the World

Mundus

Saeculum

Aion

Cosmos

<u>I John 2:15-17</u>

"¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."

Genesis 18:17-19

"¹⁷ The Lord said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.""

"Desire of the flesh"

"Desire of the eye"

"The Pride of Life"

<u>I John 2:17</u>

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Romans 12:1-2

"¹ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.² And do not be conformed to this world (*age*), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Consider Samson

Judges 14:1

"¹ Then Samson went down to Timnah and <u>saw</u> a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines." "There was no king in Israel, and everyone did what was right in <u>his own eyes</u>."

Judges 13:5, 12-13

"⁵ For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

⁽¹² Manoah said, 'Now when your words come to pass, what shall be the boy's mode of life and his vocation?' ¹³ So the angel of the Lord said to Manoah, 'Let the woman pay attention to all that I said.'"

What happened to Samson?

Judges 16:15-17

"¹⁵ Then she said to him, 'How can you say, "I love you," when your heart is not with me? You have deceived me these three times and have not told me where your great strength is.' ¹⁶ It came about when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him, that his soul was annoyed to death. ¹⁷ So he told her all that was in his heart and said to her, 'A razor has never come on my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me and I will become weak and be like any other man.""

Judges 16:30

"³⁰ And Samson said, 'Let me die with the Philistines!' And he bent with all his might so that the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he killed in his life."

Judges 16:31

"³¹ Then his brothers and all his father's household came down, took him, <u>brought him up and buried him between</u> <u>Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of</u> <u>Manoah his father</u>. Thus he had judged Israel twenty years."

Do not love the world.

Parents and grandparents, teach these truths and model these truths for the young minds under your charge. The Elect are saved but there are consequences for sinful actions.

Finally, never forget the <u>gospel</u>.