

Sermon Notes

Concerns for the Family #5 – “Do Not Love the World”

I. Introduction – “The World”

A. A large topic.

1. Carl Sagan
2. Something new on PBS.

B. Understanding terms used for “world.”

1. Latin

- a. Mundus – _____
- b. Saeculum – _____

2. Greek

- a. Aion – _____
- b. Cosmos – _____

Matt. 13:22; I Cor. 1:20; 2:6; 3:18

C. Key Text: I John 2:15-17

II. Relevance for the Family

A. Christians should not be taught to hate the world.

1. God created all things.
2. Jesus used many illustrations from the world.

B. Yet, Cosmos also contains a moral sense.

1. C. H. Dodd
2. The Apostle John views things as black and white.
 - a. Matthew 6:24
3. Concerns for families and various love pursuits.
4. A word to Parents
 - a. Children are to be commanded what to believe.
 1. Gen. 18:17-19.
 - b. Donald Grey Barnhouse

C. Three sins which are gateways to all manner of sinful choices.

1. “Desire of the Flesh”
 - a. Not simply sexual sin. It includes worldly A _____ and S _____ aims.
2. “Desire of the Eyes”
 - a. Being captivated by the outward show.
3. “The Pride of Life”
 - a. The braggart who cannot stop talking about self.

D. Note John adds a warning.

1. There is no future for worldly pursuits – I John 2:17.

E. A reminder of Paul’s remarks.

1. Romans 12:1-2

- a. Better translated as “age” and not “world.”
- b. J.B. Phillips and John Stott

III. A Case Study in what not to do.

A. Consider Samson.

1. Contrast to Job.

2. Saved by grace.

- a. Judged for 20 years.
- b. Longest narrative in Judges.
- c. He is a mirror of our own F _____ state.

3. Story diagrammed.

- a. Chapter 13 – His call
- b. Chapter 14 – Marriage
- c. Chapter 15 – Pummels Philistines
- d. Chapter 16 – Delilah and death

4. His story is summarized in “He S _____.” – Judges 14:1

5. Chapter 13 – Vow of Separation

- a. Judges 13:5, 12, 13
- b. Samson is the P _____ saint of A _____ C _____.
- c. He followed his eyes instead of God.

B. What happened to Samson?

1. He fell into I _____.

2. Delilah and the Valley of Sorek.

- a. Sorek – The Place of the C _____ R _____ G _____.
- b. Delilah –

3. Delilah, the persistent.

- a. Judges 16:15-17
- b. Implication: “Do you love me more than God?”

4. He loses the grace of sight in order to experience the grace of God. – Judges 16:30.

5. Death before Dagon and burial before Yahweh.

C. Burial and Resurrection.

1. John Calvin

IV. Points for Reflection.

A. Do not love the World.

B. Parents and grandparents, teach these truths and model these truths for the young minds under your charge.

C. The Elect are saved but there are consequences for sinful actions.

D. Finally, never forget the gospel.