



3rd John

Walk in Truth

Lesson 01

Live by the Truth

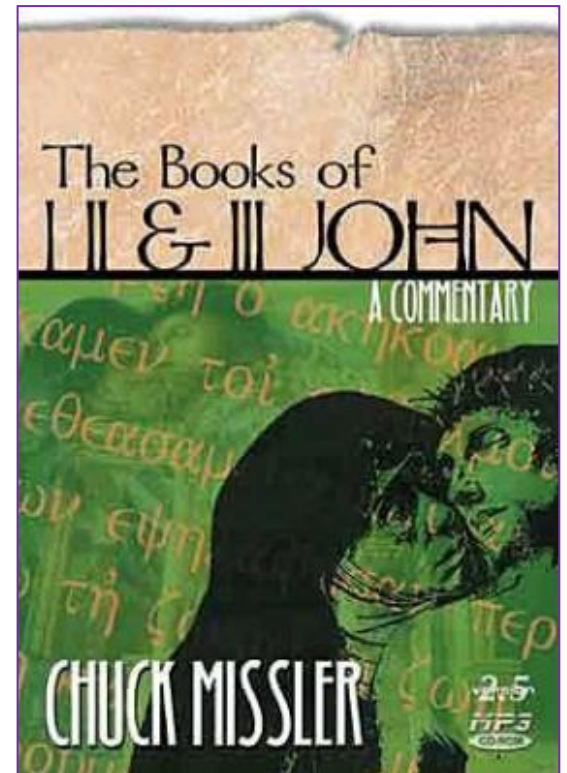
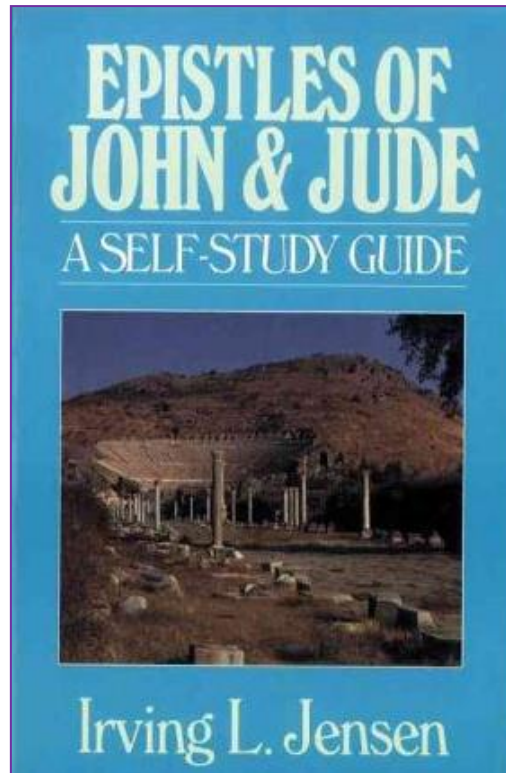
3rd John 1:1-14

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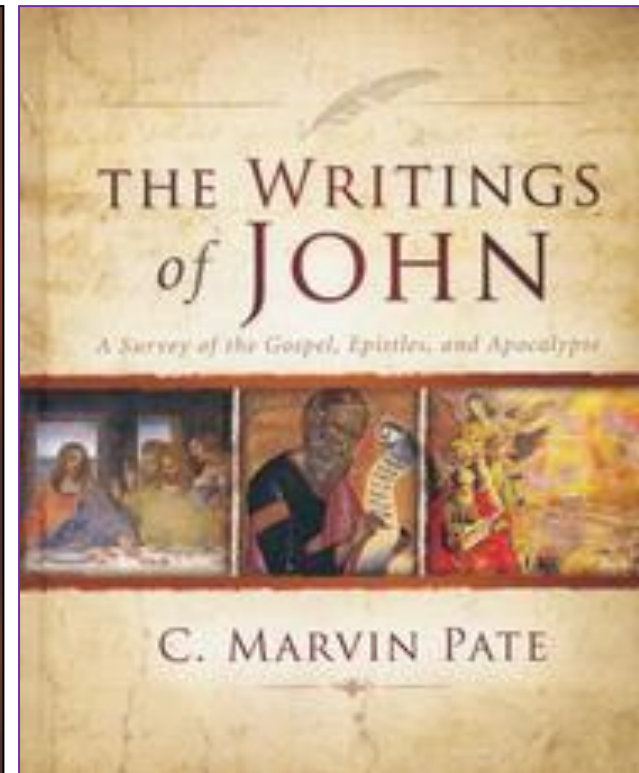
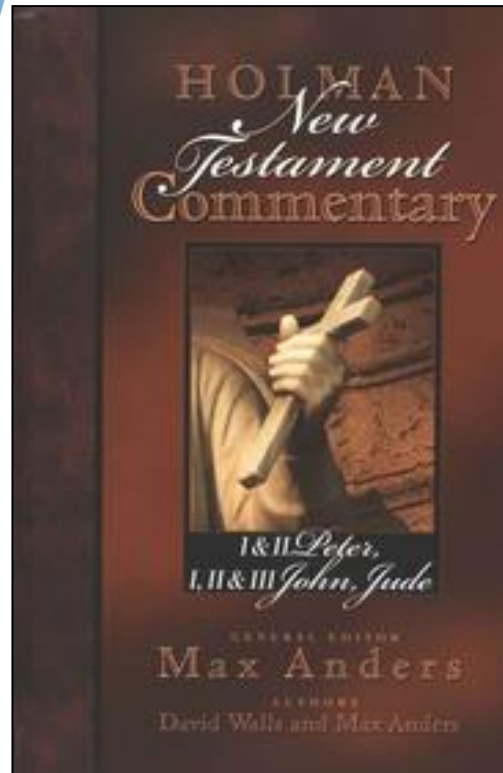


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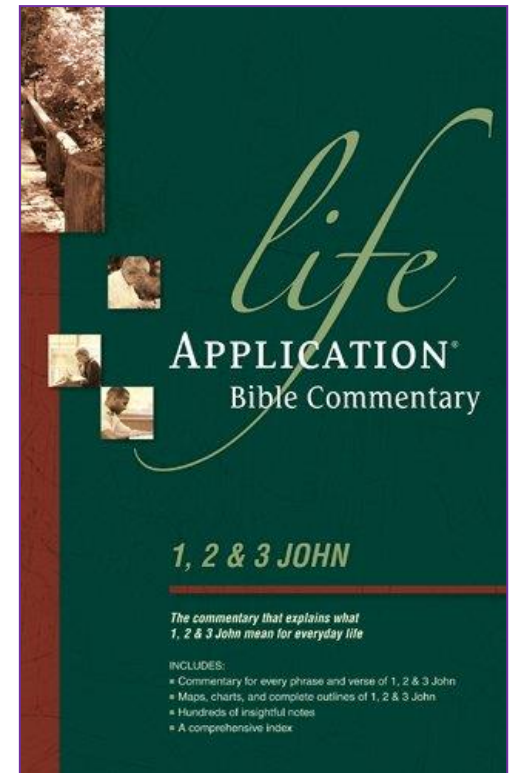
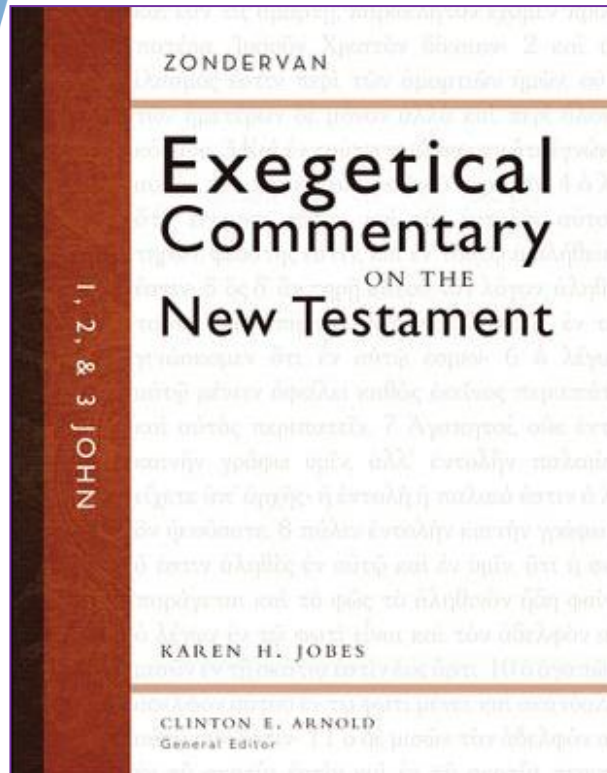


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- ✓ PRACTICING HOSPITALITY

- God's Children Live by the Truth
(1:1-12)

- Final Words
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Live by the Truth

Scriptural Context

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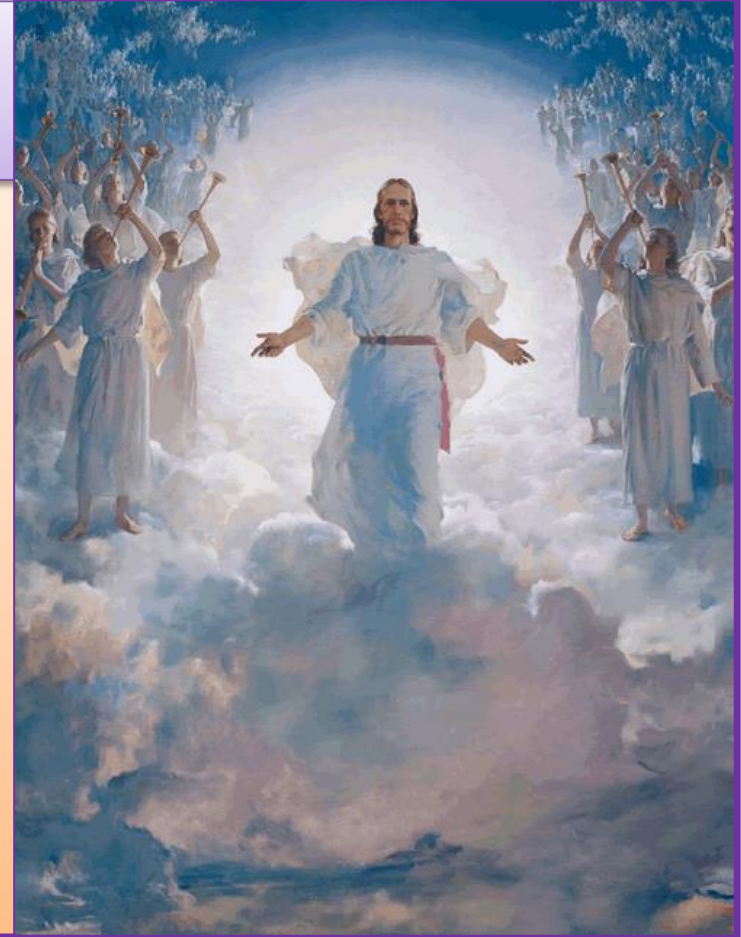
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... 3 John 1:9-10 ...NKJV

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3 JOHN 1:9–12

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12 Demetrius has a *good* testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.

... 3 John 1:11-12 ...NKJV

Scriptural Text: 3 John 1:1-14

FAREWELL GREETING

3 JOHN 1:13-14

13 I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink; **14** but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face.

Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

... 3 John 1:13-14 ...NKJV



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Practicing Hospitality

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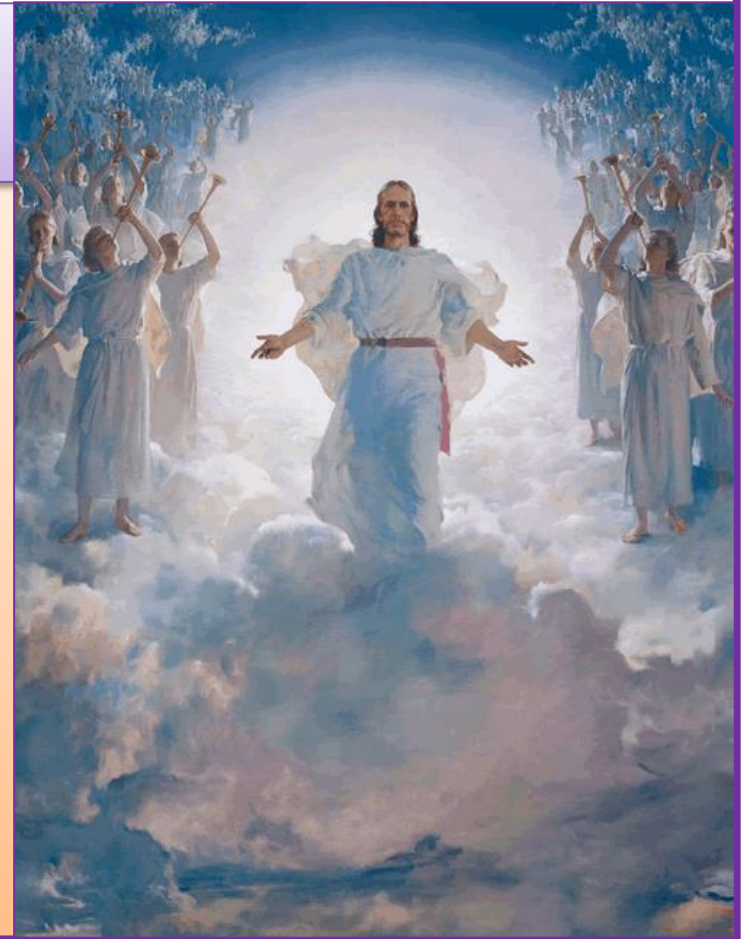
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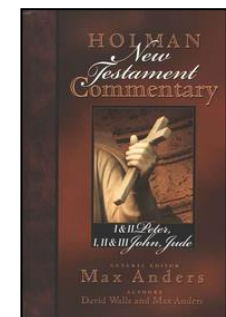
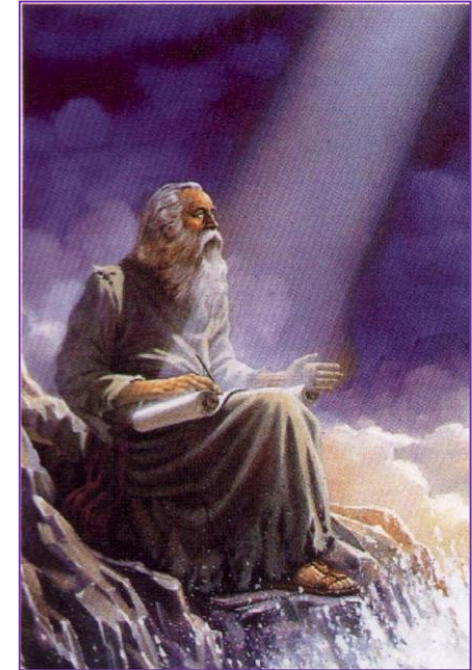
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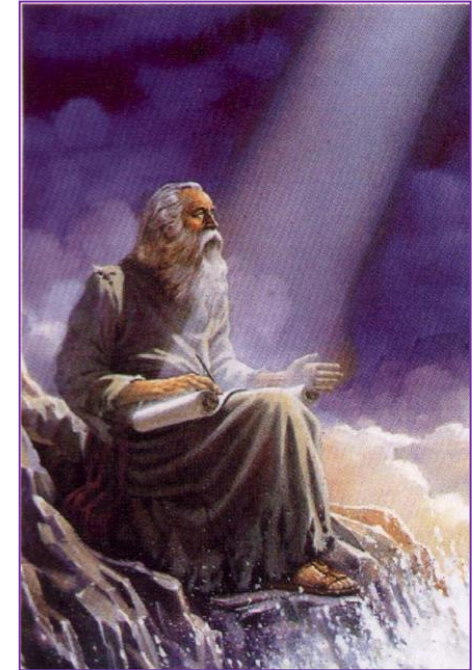
• Book Profile

- Letter written to Gaius - a friend of the apostle John
- Written approximately the same time as 1st and 2nd John
- Written from Ephesus
- Written to ...
 - Commend Gaius and Demetrius to continue their hospitality toward Christian missionaries
 - Rebuke Diotrephes, who forbade hospitality
- Shortest book in the bible
- A highly personal letter reflecting John's appreciation for Gaius and Demetrius

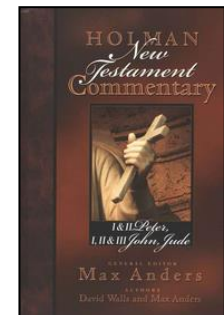


3 John - OVERVIEW

- People Profiles
 - Gaius
 - The Encourager - Service in Truth and Love
 - Versus 2-8
 - Diotrephes
 - The Dictator - Five indictments
 - Versus 9-11
 - Demetrius
 - The Exemplar - Commendation
 - Verse 12



WHICH PERSONALITY DO YOU MOST
CLOSELY ALIGN WITH?



3 John 1:1 - OBSERVATIONS

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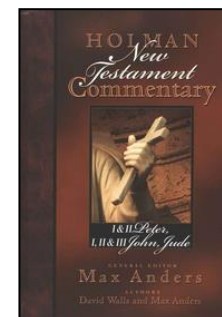
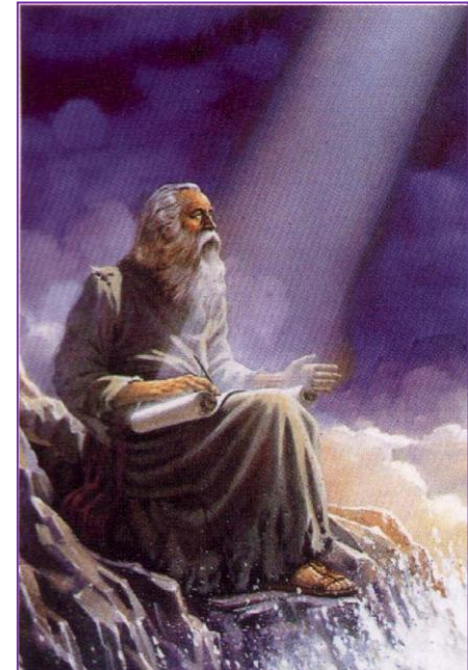
- Letter

- FROM: the Elder - *John the Apostle*

- One of the original twelve disciples
 - Wrote 1st, 2nd and 3rd John
 - Wrote the Gospel of John
 - Wrote the Book of Revelation
 - One of the two sons of Zebedee - brother of James
 - Along with James, nicknamed the “Sons of Thunder” ... [Mark 3:17](#)
 - Formerly, a follower of John the Baptist

- TO: the beloved Gaius - *identity is uncertain*

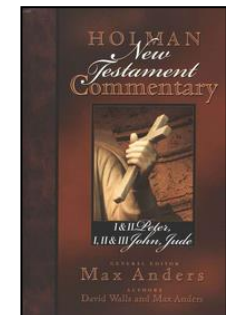
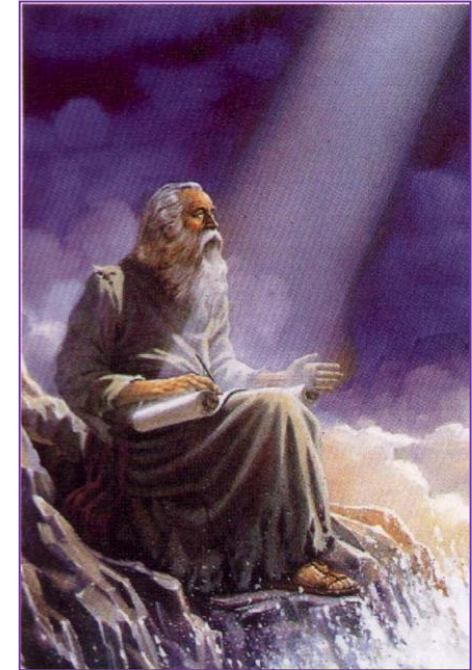
- Christian of that name in Macedonia ... [Acts 19:29](#)
 - Christian of that name in Corinth ... [Romans 16:23](#)
 - Christian of that name in Derbe ... [Acts 20:4](#)



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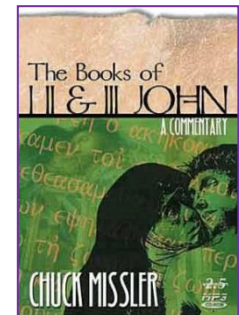
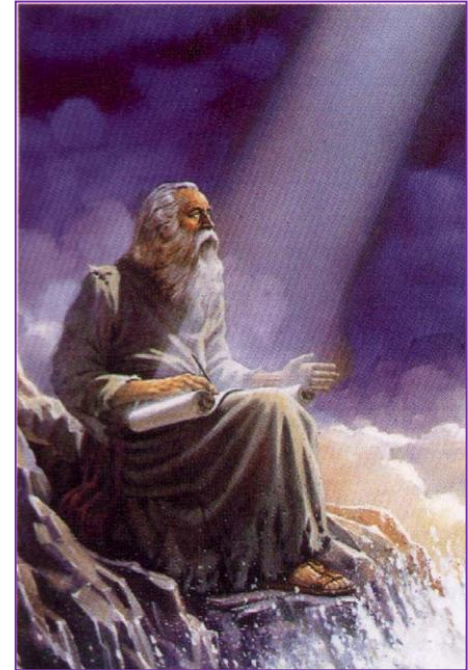
- Whom I love in truth
 - What do you think John means by this?
 1. Jesus is “the truth”
 - “Whom I love in **Jesus**”
 2. Holy Spirit is “the spirit of truth”
 - “Whom I love in the **Holy Spirit**”
 3. Both are members of the Godhead
 - “Whom I love in **God**”



3 John 1:2 - OBSERVATIONS

² Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

- Beloved
 - John loved this man
 - “beloved” occurs four times (verses. 1, 2, 5, 11)

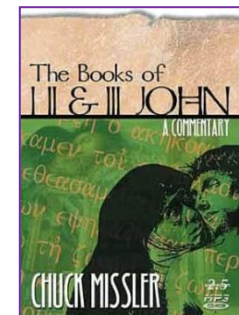
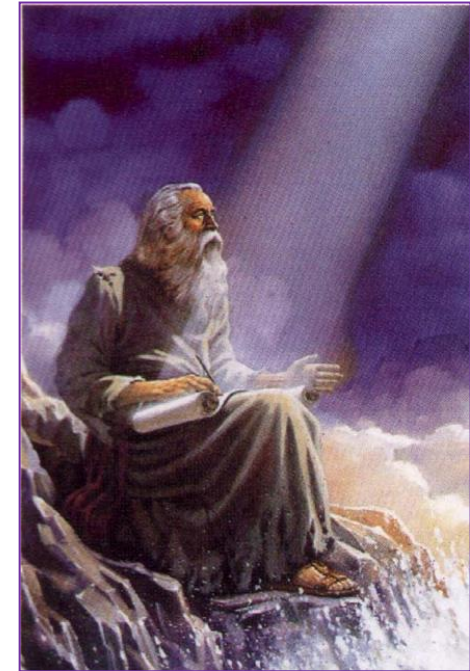


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- Prosper in all things and be in health
 - Prayer for Physical and Spiritual Health

Physical	Spiritual	Note
Nutrition	Word of God (Matthew 4:4)	What digestion is to the body, mediation is to the soul.
Exercise	A Godly Work-out (1 Timothy 4:6-7)	Learn it, Love it, Live it!
Cleanliness	Cleanse from Filthiness (2 Corinthians 7:1)	Avoid the contamination and pollution of the world (2 Peter 1:4; James 1:27)
Proper Rest	Rest in the Lord (Matthew 11:18-30)	Fellowship with Him (Revelation 2:4)



3 John 1:3 - OBSERVATIONS

³ For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you, just as you walk in the truth.

• Testified

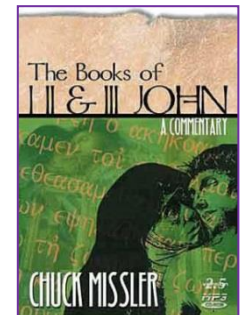
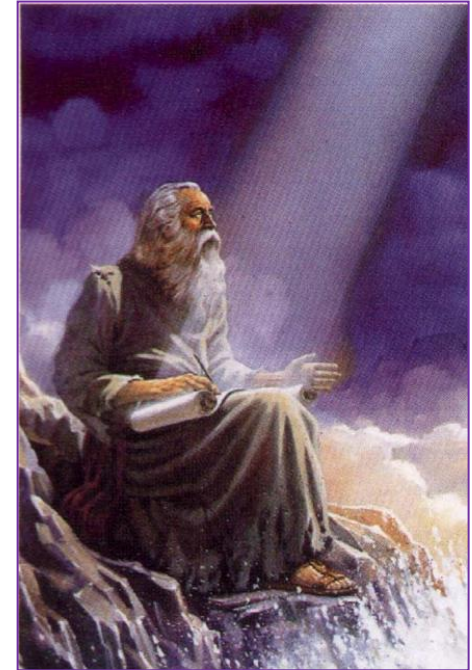
- The brethren testified of Gaius' reputation of ...
 - Being filled with the truth - *Spirit of Truth*
 - Walking in the truth - Obeying Jesus

IS THIS YOUR TESTIMONY?

• Rejoiced

- This testimony made John rejoice

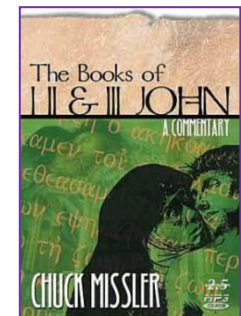
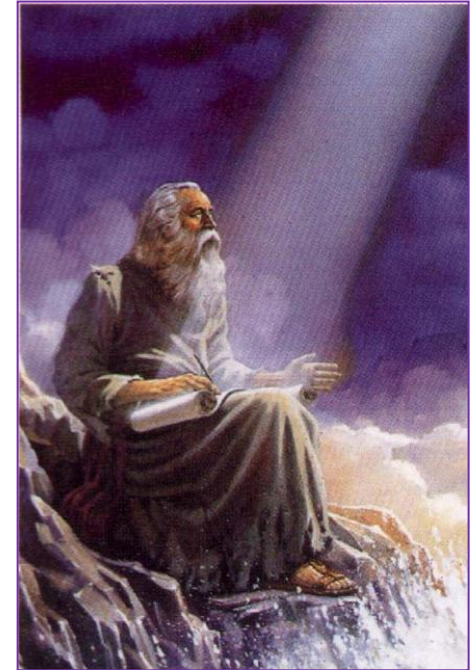
WOULD YOU REACT THE SAME?



3 John 1:4 - OBSERVATIONS

⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

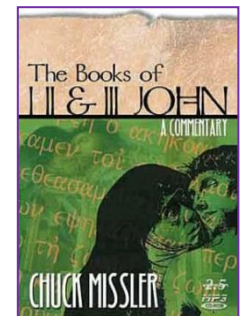
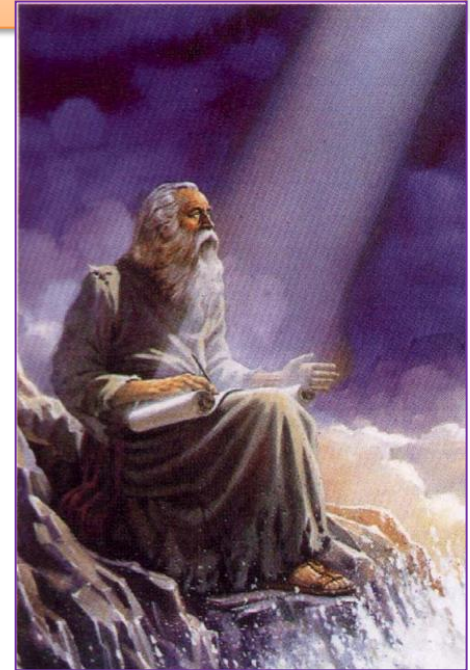
- No greater joy
 - John moves from rejoicing for Gaius specifically, after hearing the testimony of others regarding Gaius - *previous verse*
 - To his general feeling of great joy when hearing that his children walk in truth
 - John had a pastor's heart
 - He cared deeply for the sheep of his flock



3 John 1:5-6 - OBSERVATIONS

⁵ Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, ⁶ who have borne witness of your love before the church. *If* you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well,

- **Beloved**
 - John truly loved Gaius
- **Do faithfully**
 - Whatever you do for ...
 - The Brethren - believers, members of the church
 - Strangers - non-believers, outside of the church
 - This was Gaius' testimony of Gaius' love before the church - hospitality towards those in need



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- In a manner worthy of God

- Deeds - not just Words

James 2:14-16; 1 John 3:16-18

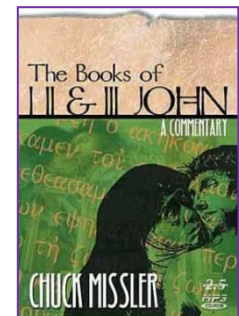
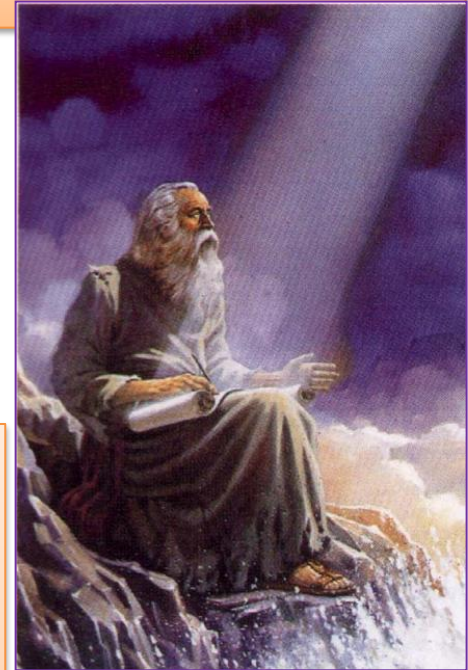
- We are never more “God-like” than when we are sacrificing to serve others.

¹⁴ What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

--- James 2:14-16 ... NKJV

¹⁶ By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

--- 1 John 3:16-18 ... NKJV



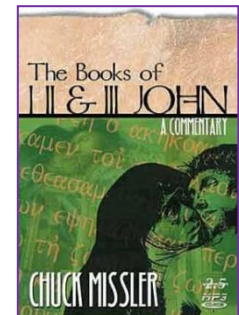
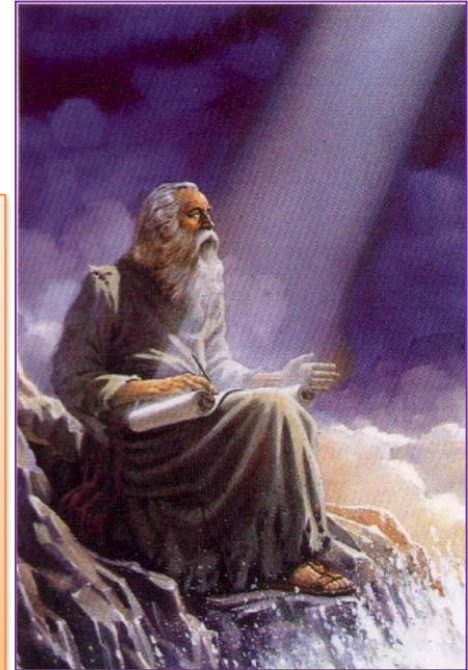
3 John 1:7 - OBSERVATIONS

⁷ because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles.

- Taking nothing from the Gentiles
 - Never soliciting help from the unsaved.
 - Abraham had this same policy (Gen 14:21-24).

²¹ Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

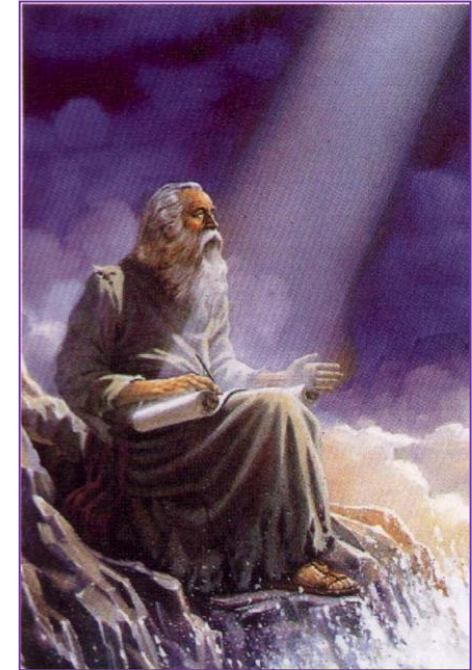
²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I *will take* nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that *is* yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'— ²⁴ except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion." --- Genesis 14:21-24 ... NKJV



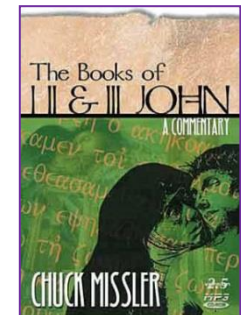
3 John 1:8 - OBSERVATIONS

⁸ We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.

- We therefore ought to receive such
 - Hospitality is not only an opportunity, but also an obligation.
 - Those who receive spiritual blessings from the ministry of the Word ought to share material blessings.
- (Galatians 6:6-10; 1 Corinthians 9:7-11)
- When we are hospitable
 - Then we become fellow workers for the truth



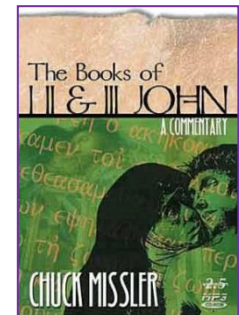
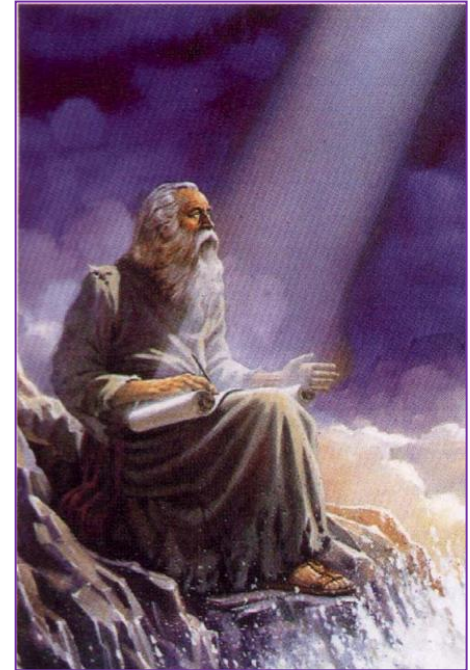
IS THAT YOUR DESIRE TO BECOME FELLOW
WORKERS FOR THE TRUTH?



3 John 1:9 - OBSERVATIONS

⁹ I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.

- **Diotrephes** - *the dictator*
 - Loves to have the preeminence
 - Haughty
 - Does not receive us
 - Did not show hospitality to John and the believers



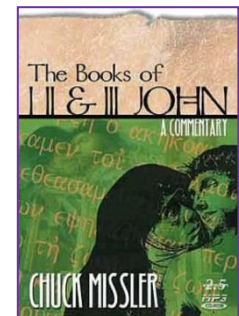
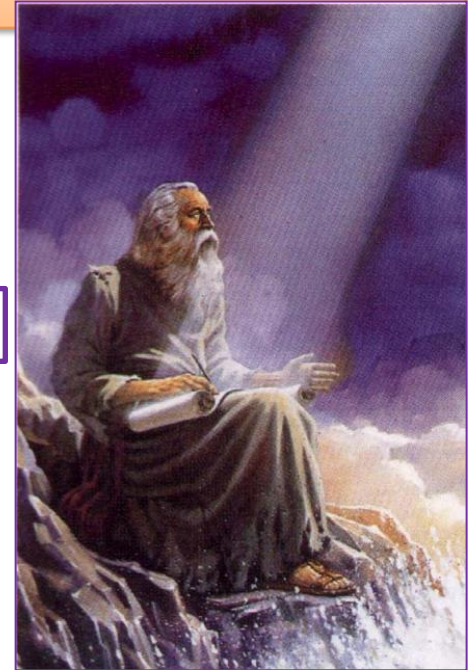
3 John 1:10 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁰ Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting *them* out of the church.

- **Prating** against us with malicious words
 - What a tragedy that there is so much slander and defamation within the Body!
 - Contention is evidence of pride ... Proverbs 13:10
 - We must be cautious about accepting what we hear about God's servants.

verb **prated, prating.**

1. to talk excessively and pointlessly; babble:



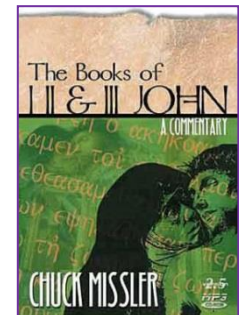
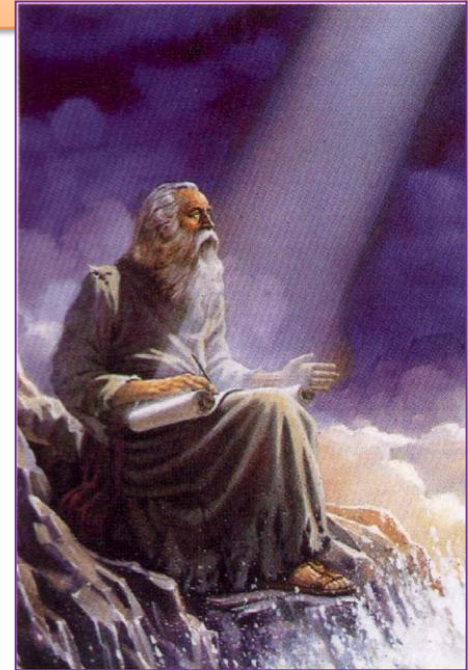
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- Does not receive the brethren
 - There is a fatal distinction between rejecting false doctrine and false teaching and rejection of the brethren with whom we may have a divergent view.
 - We do need to be diligent to have no fellowship with apostates; and should refrain from entangling alliances with unbelievers.

2 Corinthians 6:14

14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? --- 2 Corinthians 6:14 ... NKJV



3 John 1:11 - OBSERVATIONS

¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God.

• Do not imitate what is evil

- They that do evil can include pulpits, authors, and TV and radio commentators...
- We should also avoid those whose doctrinal position is *contrary* to Scripture.

Romans 16:17-19

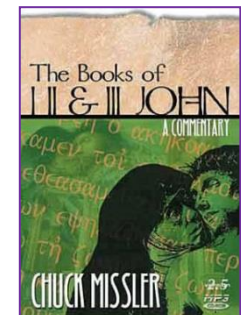
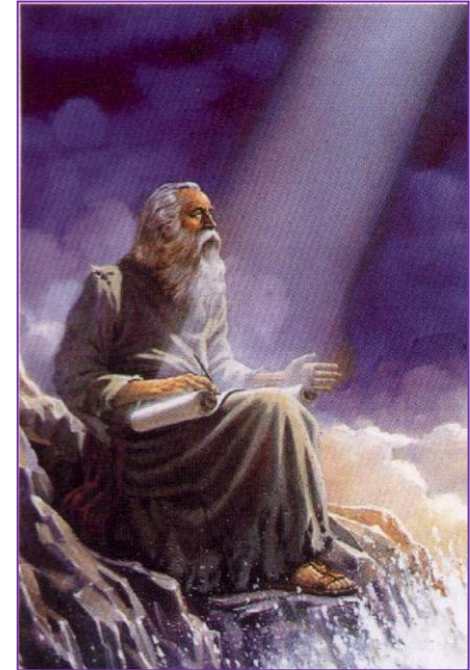
- This doesn't mean we cooperate only with those who interpret Scripture precisely as we do; there are many areas where good scholars have divergent views; it's the fundamentals that count.

In the **ESSENTIALS** - **UNITY**

In the **NON-ESSENTIALS** - **LIBERTY**

In **ALL THINGS** - **CHARITY**

WISDOM
TO KNOW
THE
DIFFERENCE

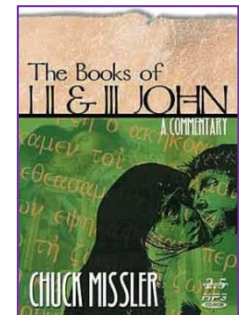
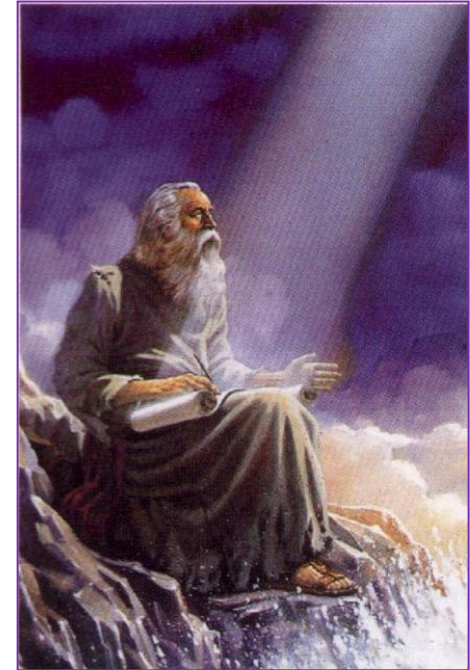


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11 Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God.

- Do not imitate what is evil
 - John's Five Indictments against Diotrephes
 1. He must occupy the leading place in the church
 2. He actually refused to receive the Apostle John
 3. He made malicious statements against the apostles
 4. He refused to extend hospitality to the missionaries
 5. He excommunicated those who **did** receive the missionaries

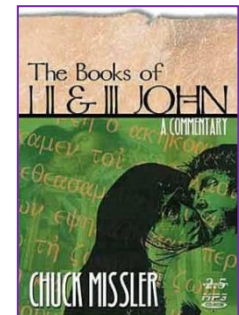
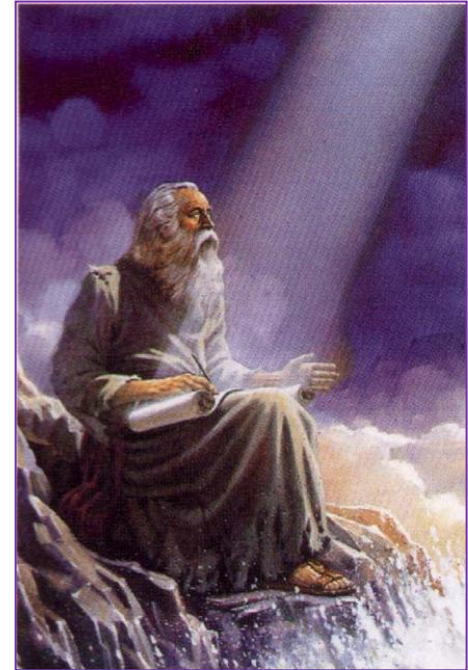
KNOW ANYONE LIKE THIS?



3 John 1:12 - OBSERVATIONS

¹² Demetrius has a *good* testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.

- **Demetrius - good testimony from all**
 - Demetrius is an exemplar, an example worthy to be imitated.
 - One of the tragedies of our society is the lack of positive role models.
- Philippians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 11:11; Hebrews 10:24**
- Gaius and Demetrius walked in truth and obeyed the Word of God.
 - They certainly weren't "perfect," but they had consistent lives, seeking to honor the LORD.



CAN THIS BE SAID OF YOU AND ME?

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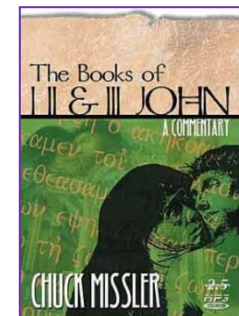
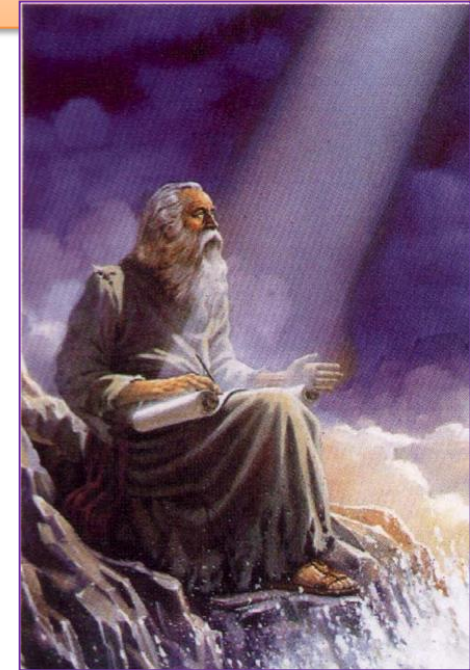


3 John 1:13-14 - OBSERVATIONS

¹³ I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink; ¹⁴ but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

- **Many things to write**
 - John wished to speak face to face and not via email - pen and ink
 - More personal
 - More gratifying
- **Peace to you**
 - The believer can enjoy peace because he has adequate resources in Jesus Christ
- **Friends**
 - What a blessing to have Christian friends.
 - To have a friend - you need to be a friend.

Philippians 4:6, 7, 13, 19



WELL DONE, GOOD AND
FAITHFUL
SERVANT





Jude: Acts of the Apostate

Lesson 01: Old and New Apostates

Next Week's Lesson

Next Week's Lesson

▪ Jude: Acts of the Apostates

- Lesson 01: Old and New Apostates ... [JUDE 1: 1-11]
- Lesson 02: Apostates Predicted ... [JUDE 1: 12-25]

