



1st John

God is Light, Love and Life

Lesson 05

Do Not Love the Evil World

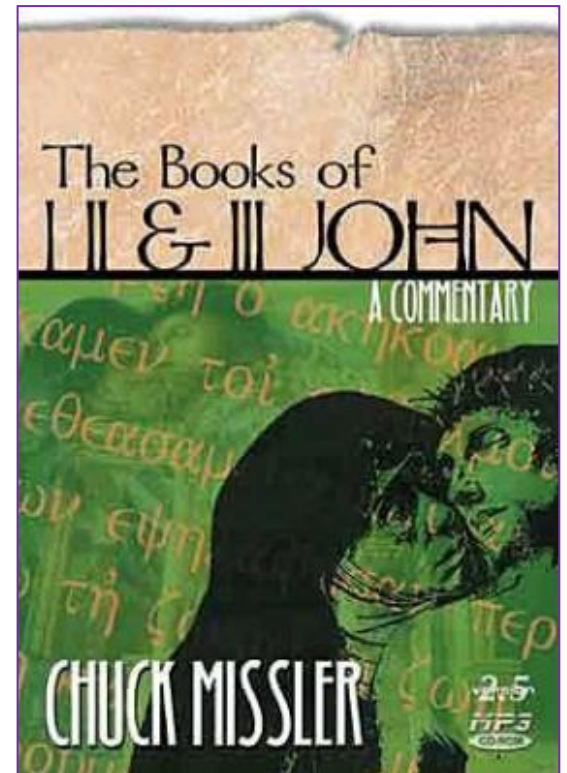
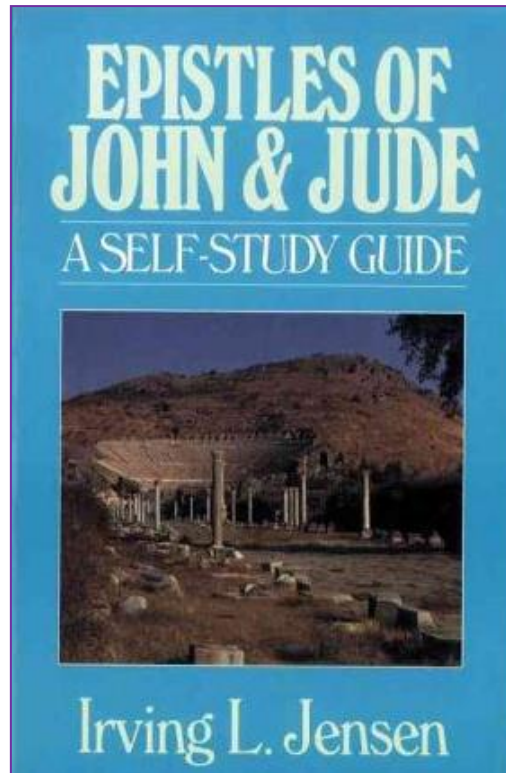
1st John 2:12-17

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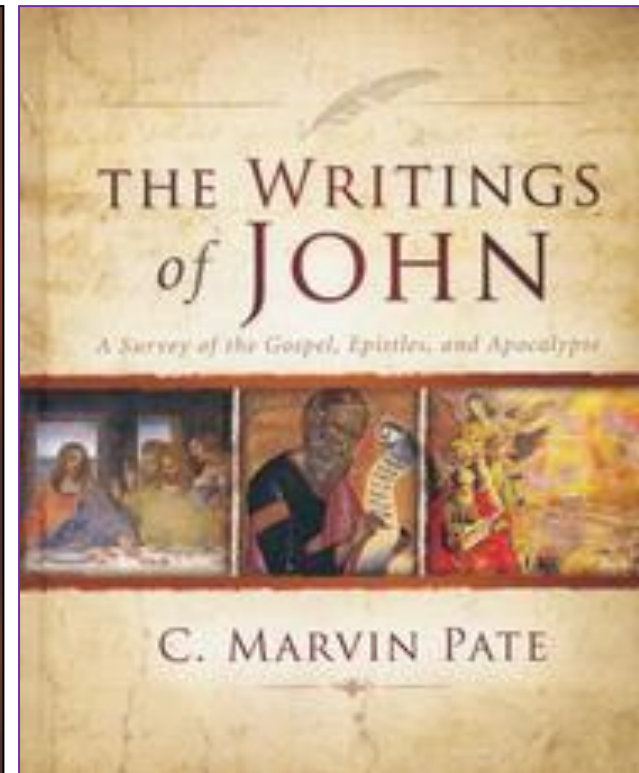
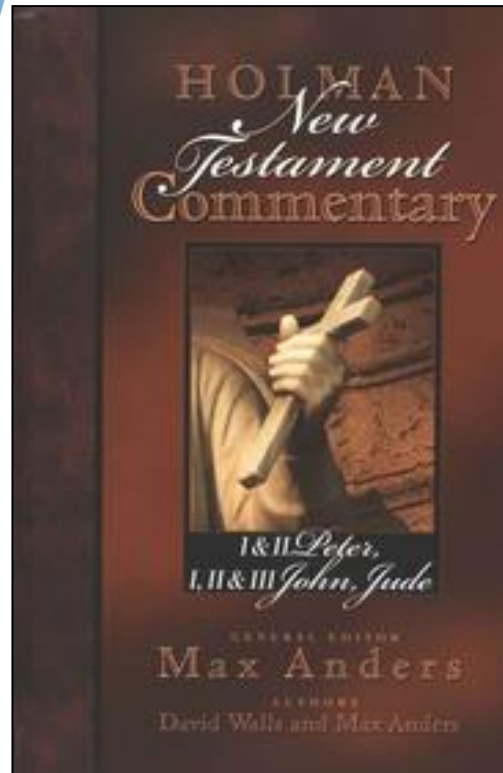


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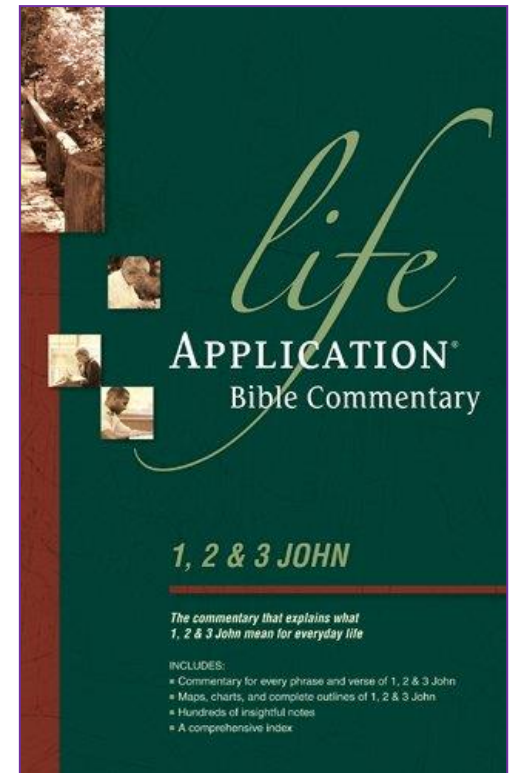
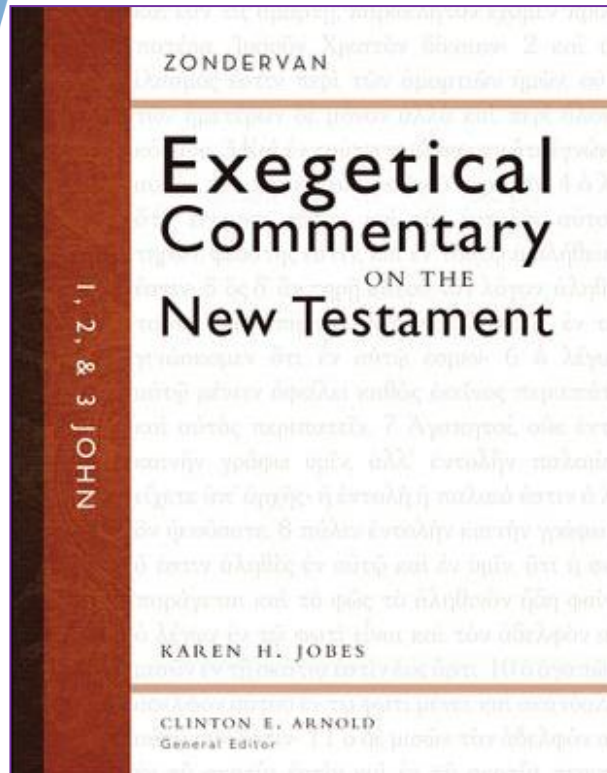


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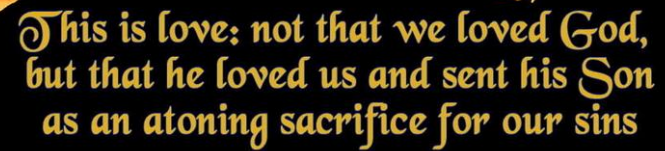


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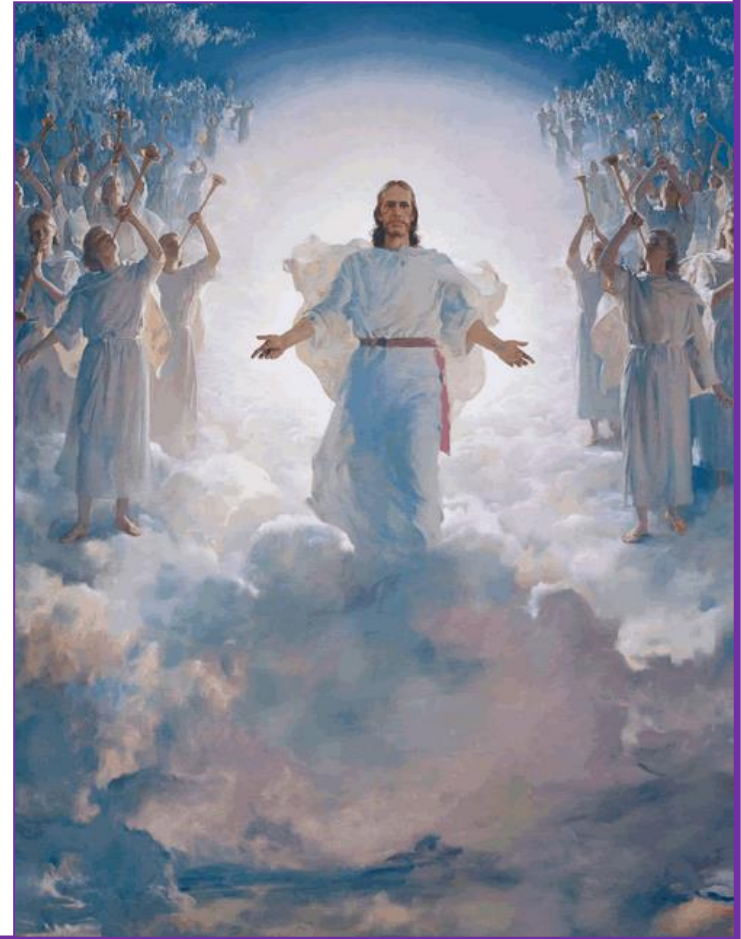
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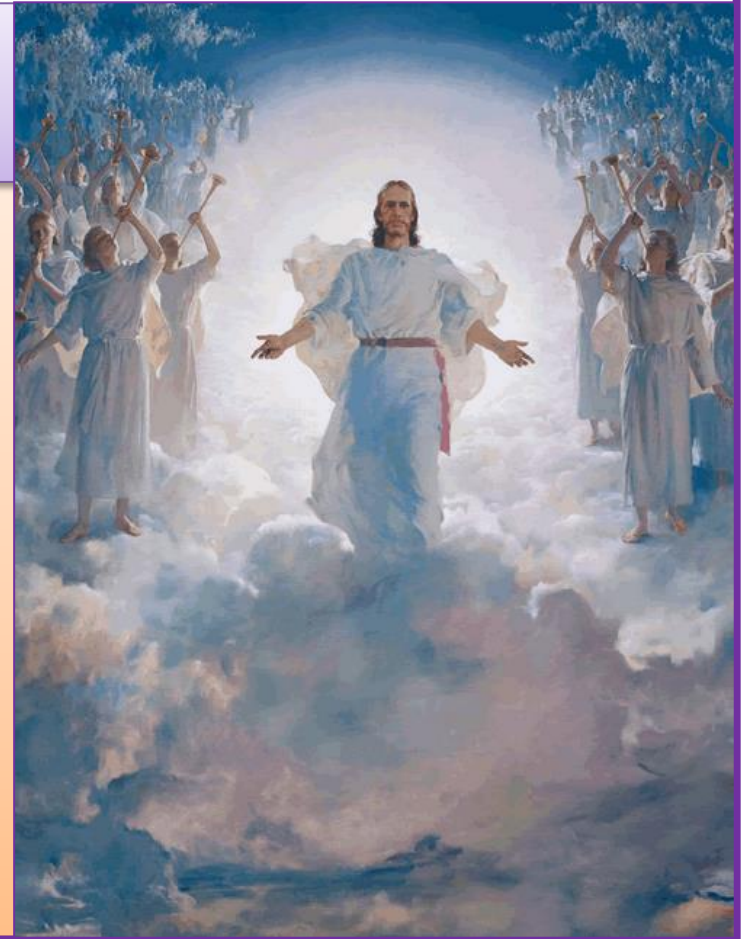
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I write to you, young men,
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I write to you, little children,
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DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

1 JOHN 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or 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, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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Assurances and Admonitions

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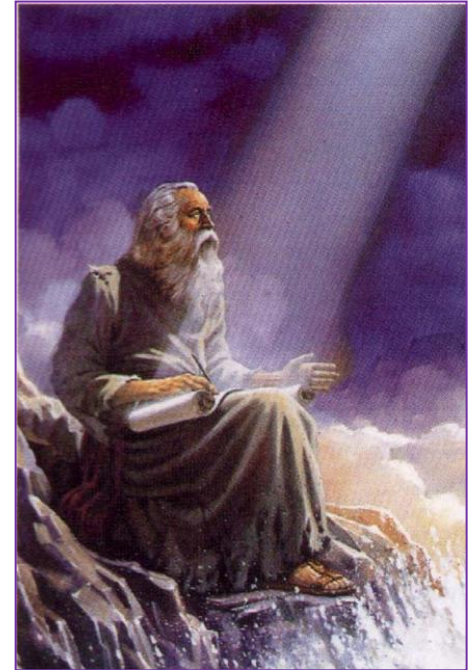
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1 John Review

- Fellowship
 - Our Fellowship is in the Light
 - God is Light
 - Vertical and Horizontal Relationships
 - Not just coffee and a donut
 - Investment
 - Partnership
 - Commitment

FABLE OF THE CHICKEN AND THE PIG

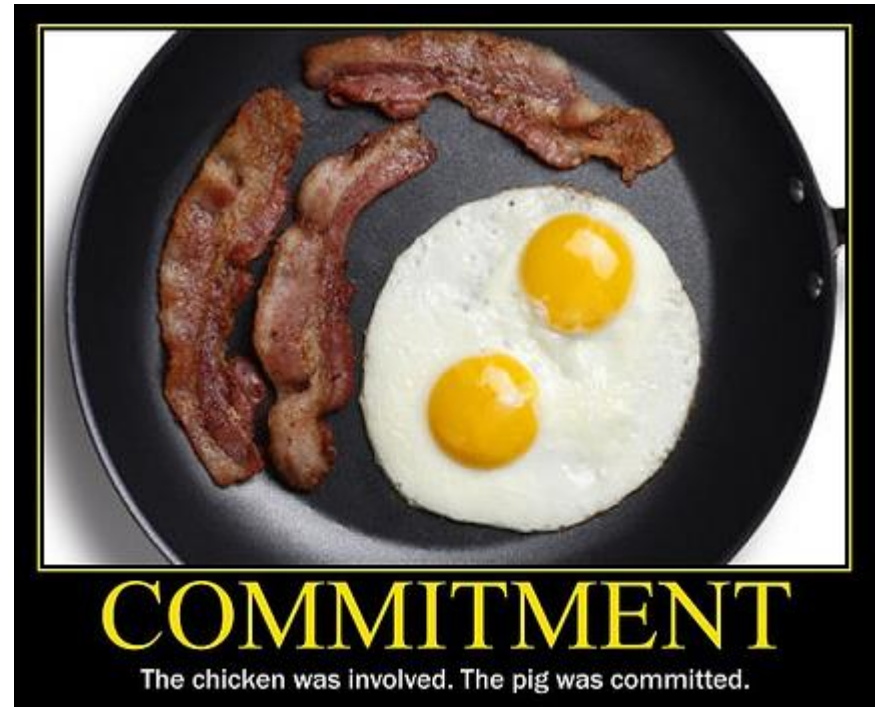


Fellowship and the Fable of the Chicken and the Pig

FABLE OF THE CHICKEN AND THE PIG

Question: In a bacon-and-egg breakfast, what's the difference between the Chicken and the Pig?

Answer: *The Chicken is involved, but the Pig is committed!*



GOD EXPECTS US TO BE AS COMMITTED AS THE PIG

1 John 2:12-14 - OBSERVATIONS

GROUPS AND ASSURANCES

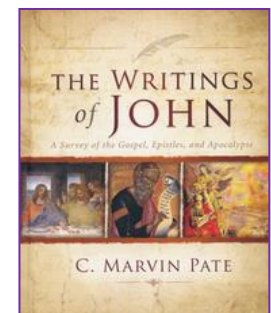
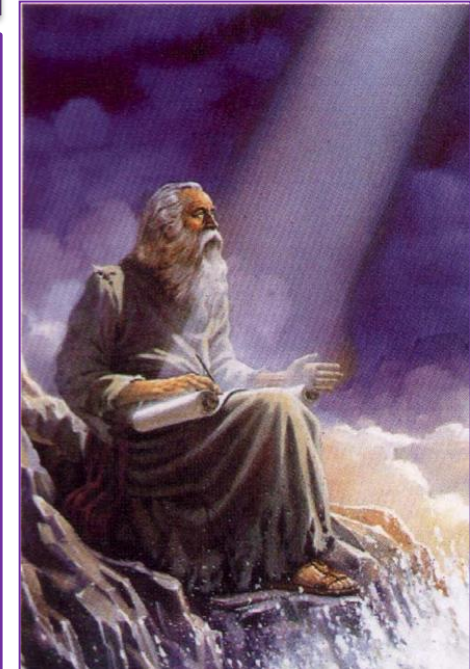
I WRITE TO YOU:

Children	<i>teknia</i>	because	Sins are forgiven
Fathers	<i>pateres</i>	because	You have known Him from the beginning
Young Men	<i>neaniskoi</i>	because	Overcome the evil one

I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU:

Children	<i>paidia</i>	because	You have known the Father
Fathers	<i>pateres</i>	because	You have known Him from the beginning
Young Men	<i>neaniskoi</i>	because	You are strong, word of God/overcome evil one

WHY THE GROUPINGS?



1 John 2:12-14 - OBSERVATIONS

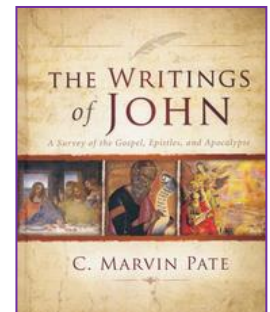
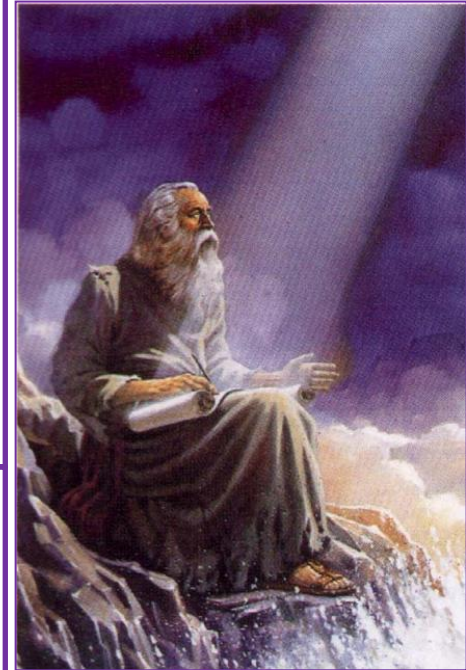
• How Many Groups?

• One Group - Three Different Names Applied

- All Believers are “Children” because they are born again into the family of God.
- All Believers are “Fathers” because they believe in Christ who was from the beginning.
- All Believers are “Young Men” because they are conquerors of Satan.

➔ • Three Group - Three Different Names Applied

- “Children” are new converts.
- “Fathers” are long-standing Christians.
- “Young Men” are those in between



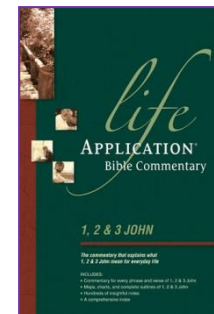
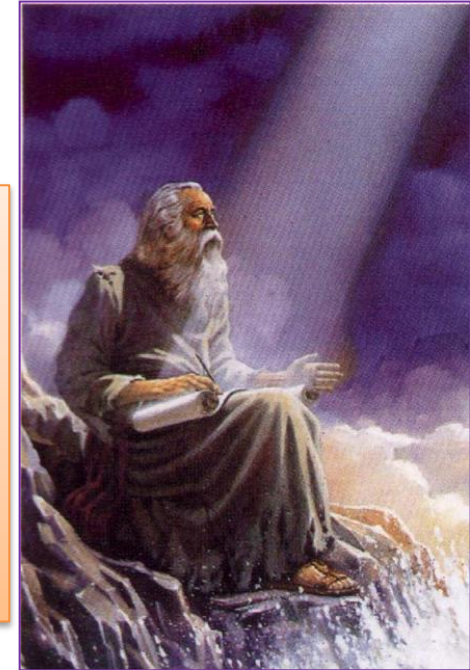
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- Write to Little Children
 - All those who believe in Jesus the Christ become children of God ... **John 1:10-13**

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

--- John 1:10-13 ... NKJV



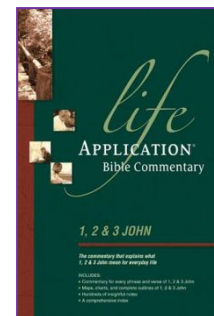
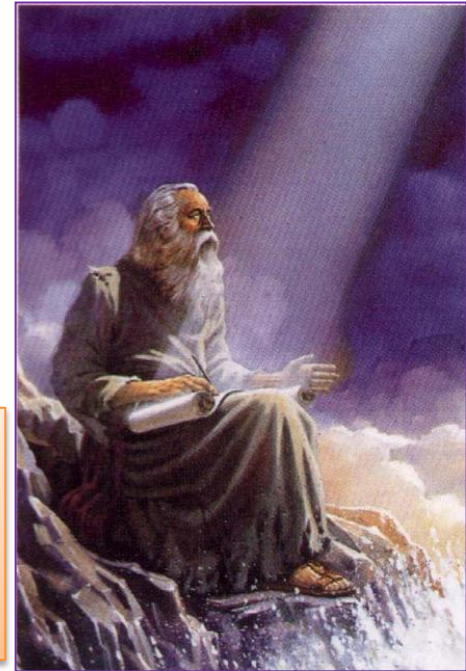
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 - All those who believe in Jesus the Christ become children of God ... John 1:10-13
 - True believers have their sins forgiven because of Jesus
 - Ephesians 1:7-8 ; Colossians 1:13-14

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, --- Ephesians 1:7-8 ... NKJV

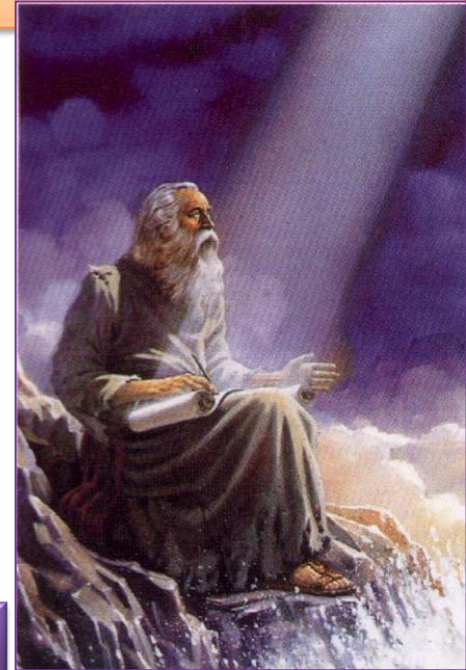
¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. --- Colossians 1: 13-14



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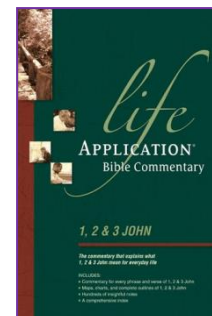
- Write to Fathers ... Because you **have**...
 - Believers who are mature in their faith
 - Him who is from the beginning
 - Reveals a full understanding of Christ's deity
 - Deity of Christ was in question at the time of John's writing by the Gnostics
 - Deity of Christ is in question in our time



THE INCARNATION

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. --- John 1: 1, 14 ... NKJV



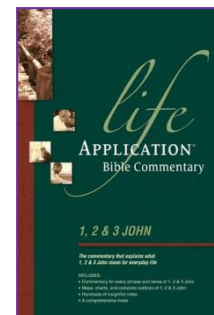
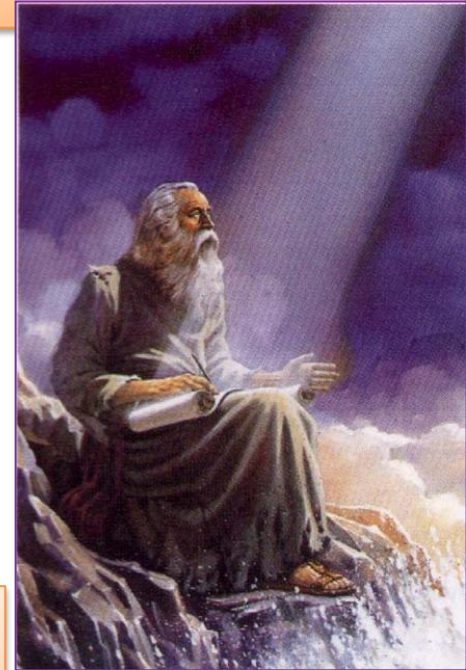
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- Write to Young Men... Because you **Have**
 - These believers **have** overcome Satan.
 - Believers are in a war zone battling the forces of evil - **Ephesians 6:12**
 - Satan is a defeated foe
 - Our victory is assured because of what Jesus accomplished on the Cross - **Colossians 2:15**

15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

--- **Colossians 2:15 ... NKJV**



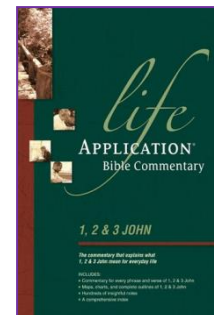
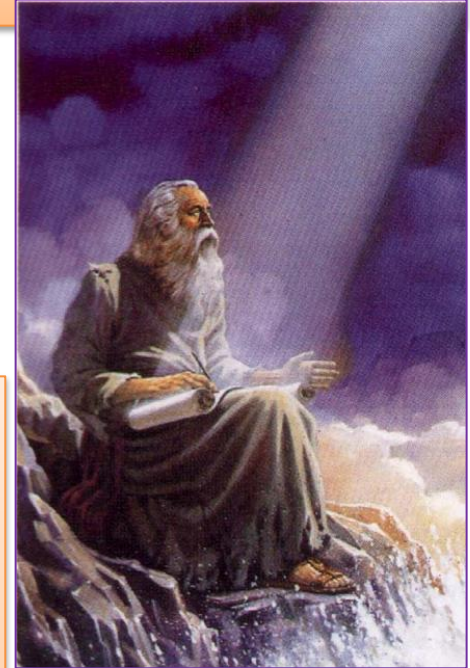
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- Write to Little Children... Because you **Have**
 - These believers have known the Father
 - This was revealed by Jesus to them and to us
 - We can call God - Abba Father

²⁴ "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶ And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

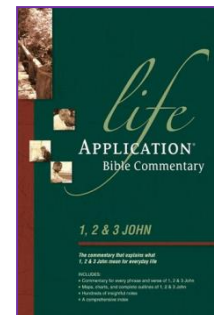
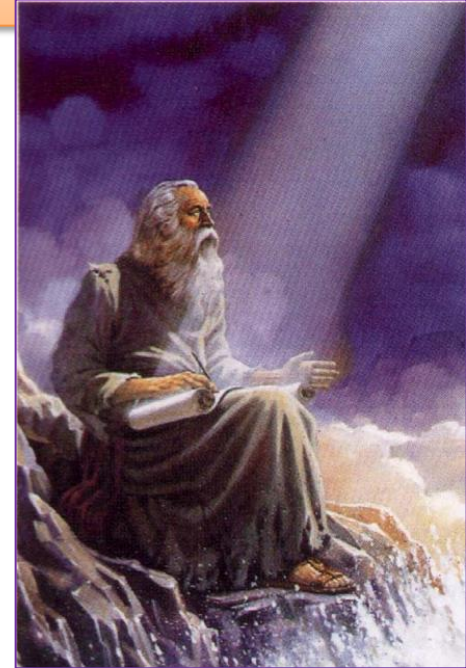
--- John 17: 24-26 ... NKJV



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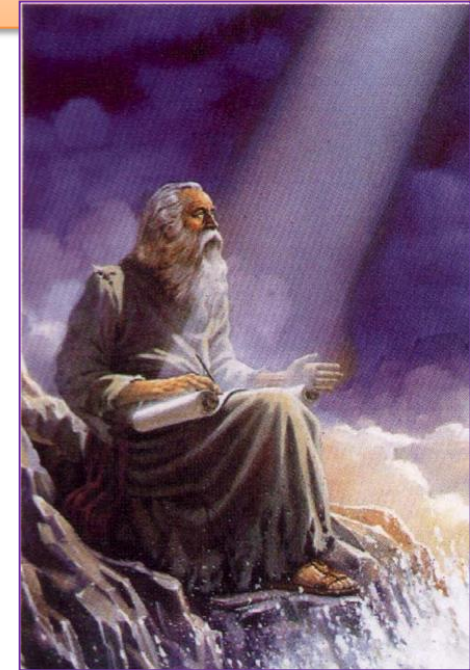
- Written to Fathers... Because you **Have**
 - Same assurance for the “Fathers” as in the previous verse (13)
 - Same past tense for knowing Him



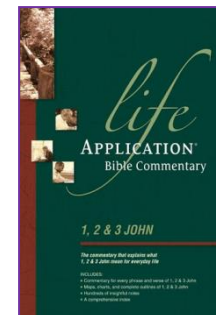
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- Written to Young Men ... Because you **Are**
 - Notice the tense for this final assurance is present tense ... **are**
 - Because you are strong
 - We are commanded to “be strong”
 - Ephesians 6:10-11



¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. --- Ephesians 6:10-11 ... NKJV



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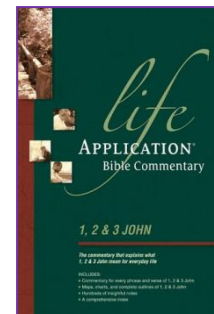
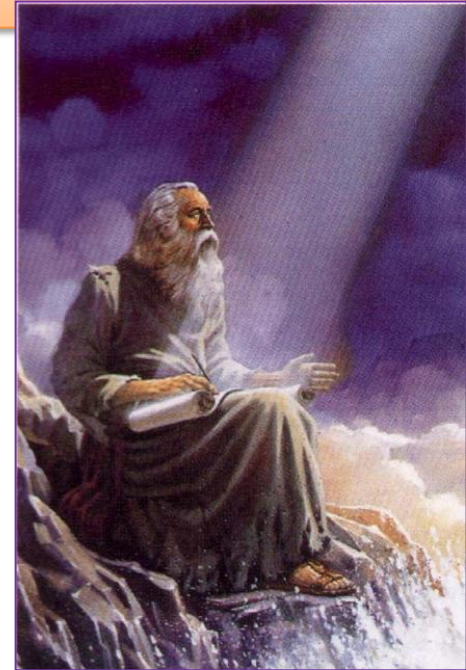
- Written to Young Men ... Because you **Are**
 - Because the word of God abides in you

⁹ How can a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed according to Your word.
¹⁰ With my whole heart I have sought You;
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.

--- Psalm 119:9-11

¹⁰⁵ Your word *is* a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

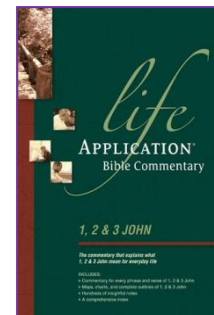
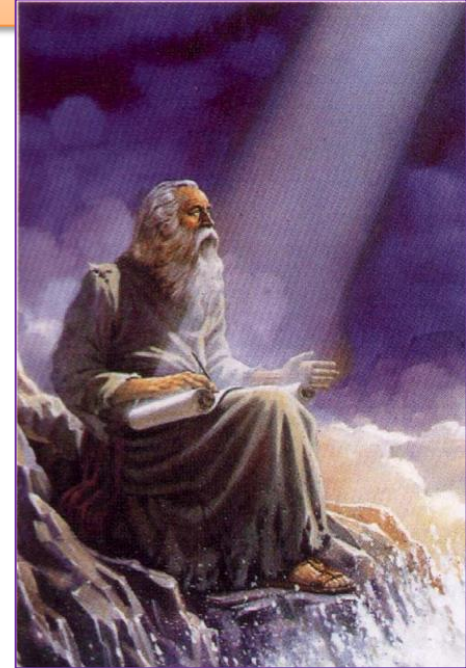
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 - Because you have overcome the wicked one
 - Phrase is the same as in the previous verse



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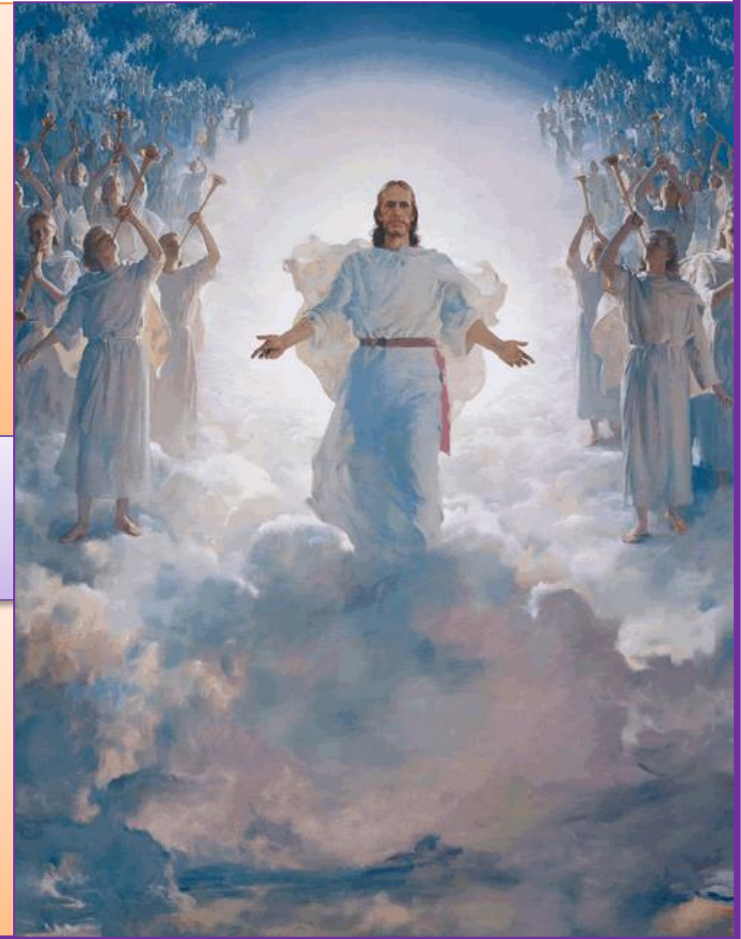
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• The World

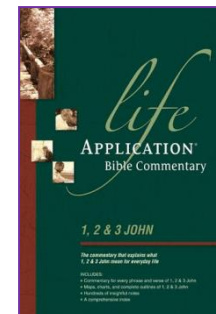
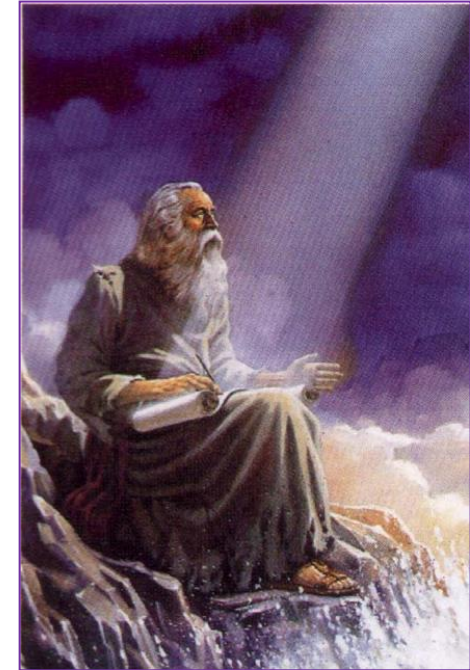
• What “world” are we talking about here?

- God’s Creation ... **No**
 - Genesis 1; John 1; Acts 17:24
- Humanity ... **No**
 - John 3:16
- Spiritual system opposed to God... **Yes**
 - John 12:31; Ephesians 6:11-12

• We are not to love the world

IF anyone Loves the World

THEN the Love of the Father is not in him



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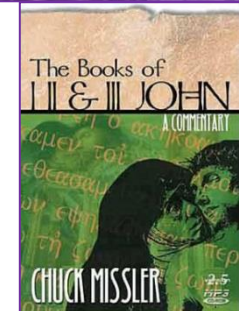
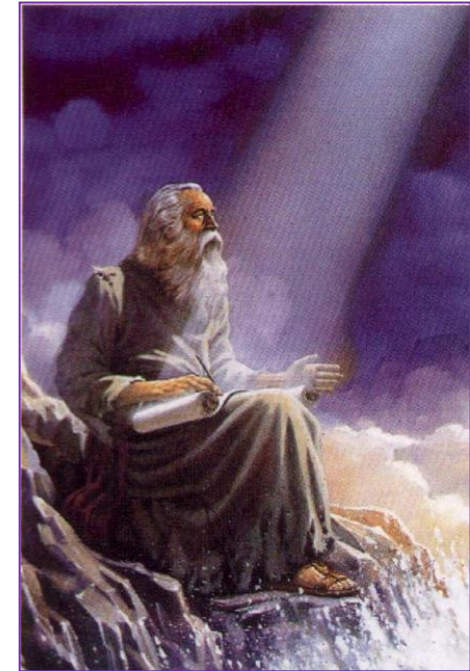
- The World

- A Christian is a member of the human world; he lives in the physical world, but he does not belong to the spiritual world that is Satan's system for opposing God

- John 15:18-19

18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

--- John 15:18-19 ... NKJV



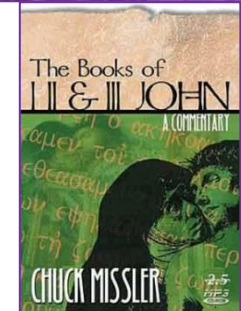
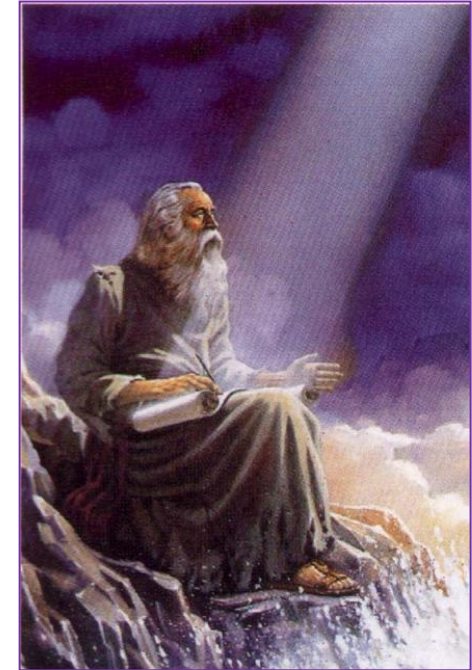
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- The World
- Our citizenship is in heaven
 - **Philippians 3:20-21**

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21** who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

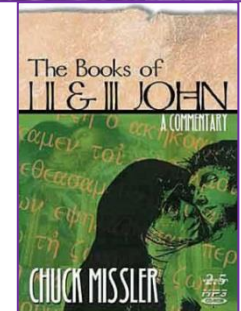
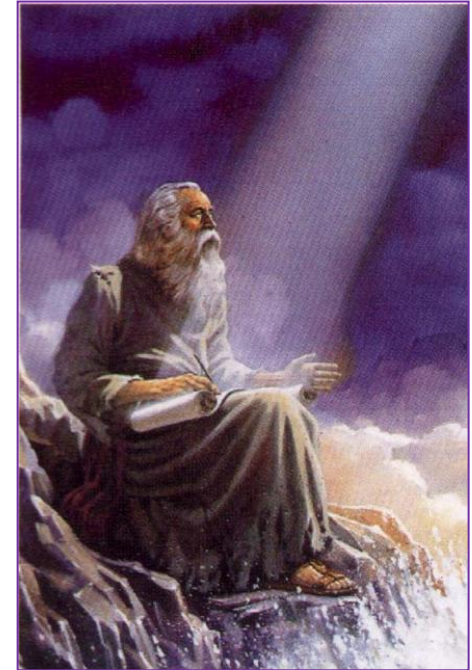
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- **The World**
 - The Holy Spirit is our special equipment for survival in a hostile environment



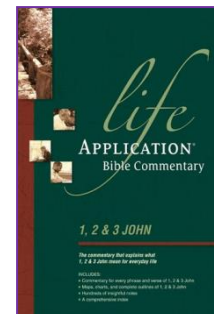
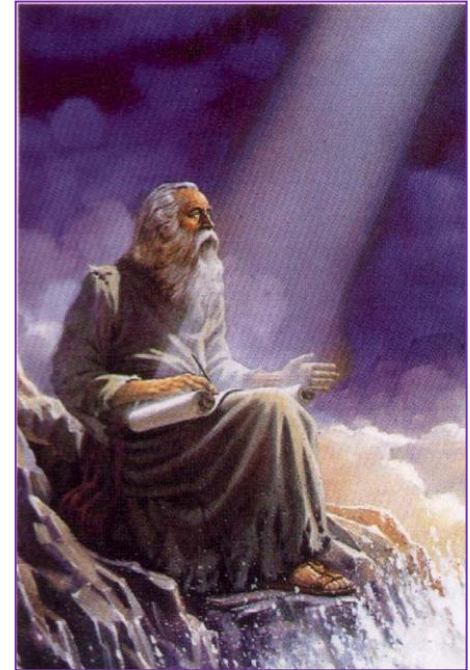
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- All that is in the World is not of the Father but of the World

- Lust of the Flesh
- Lust of the Eyes
- Pride of Life

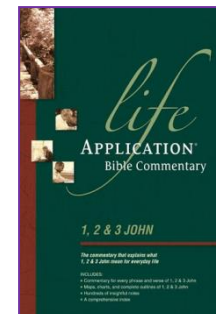
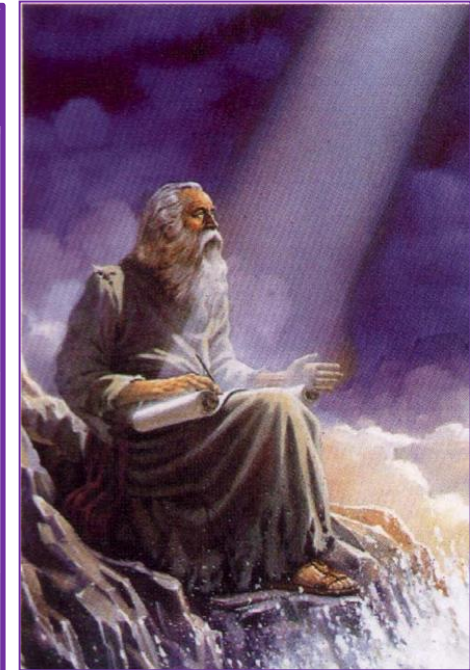
THESE ARE THE SAME AREAS OF ATTACK USED BY THE ENEMY FROM THE BEGINNING AND THROUGHOUT TIME.



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16 For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

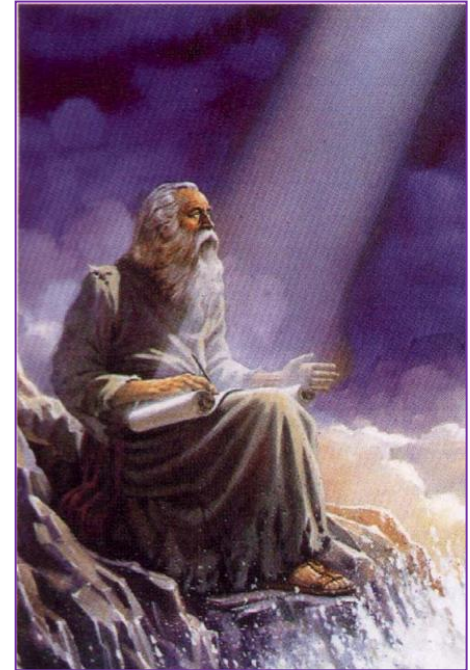
TEMPTATIONS	GARDEN GENESIS 3:4-6	CHRIST LUKE 4:1-13	BELIEVERS
Lust of the Flesh The desire to fulfill pleasures; Physical desires	The fruit looked delicious and would be good to eat.	Turn the stones into bread.	Take what is easier or more pleasurable – rather than God's will.
Lust of the Eyes The constant craving for more	The fruit was a pleasure to look at.	Gain all the kingdoms of the world, as far as the eye can see.	Respond impulsively, without restraint or self-control.
Pride of Life The desire for power or possessions	The fruit was desirable for gaining wisdom.	Throw yourself down and angels will rescue you, God will not allow you to be hurt.	Accumulate things rather than seeking to serve others.



1 John 2:17 - OBSERVATIONS

17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

- Fate of the World
 - The world **is** passing away
 - Since the lust is part of the world, it too is passing away
 - Contrast with doing the will of God
 - The believer who does the will of God will abide forever.



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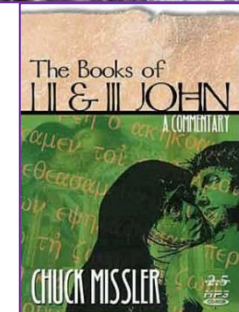
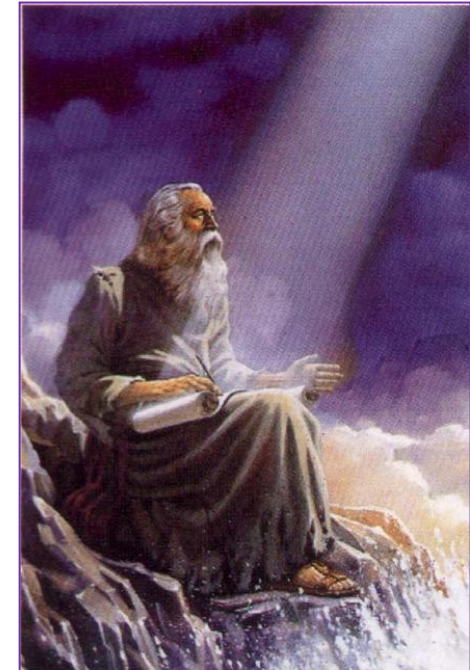
- Fate of the World
 - Believer needs to be loosely attached to this world

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

--- Hebrews 11:13 ... NKJV

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

—Jim Elliot (missionary martyr)



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