

Leader

1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

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 desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.

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¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

All: What is the World?

Leader: The **physical** earth:

John 1¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him...

Humanity:

Jn.1¹⁰ ...yet the world did not know him.

John 3¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Leader: A Spiritual system opposing God:

Jn 15¹⁸ If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

All: What is in the world?

Leader: Lust of the Flesh

Genesis 3⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food...

Lust of the eye ...and that it was a delight to the eyes...

Pride of Life: ...and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise...

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Genesis 3⁶ ...she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Cong.: How can I overcome the world?

Leader: Romans 13¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh

1 John 5:4 ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith.

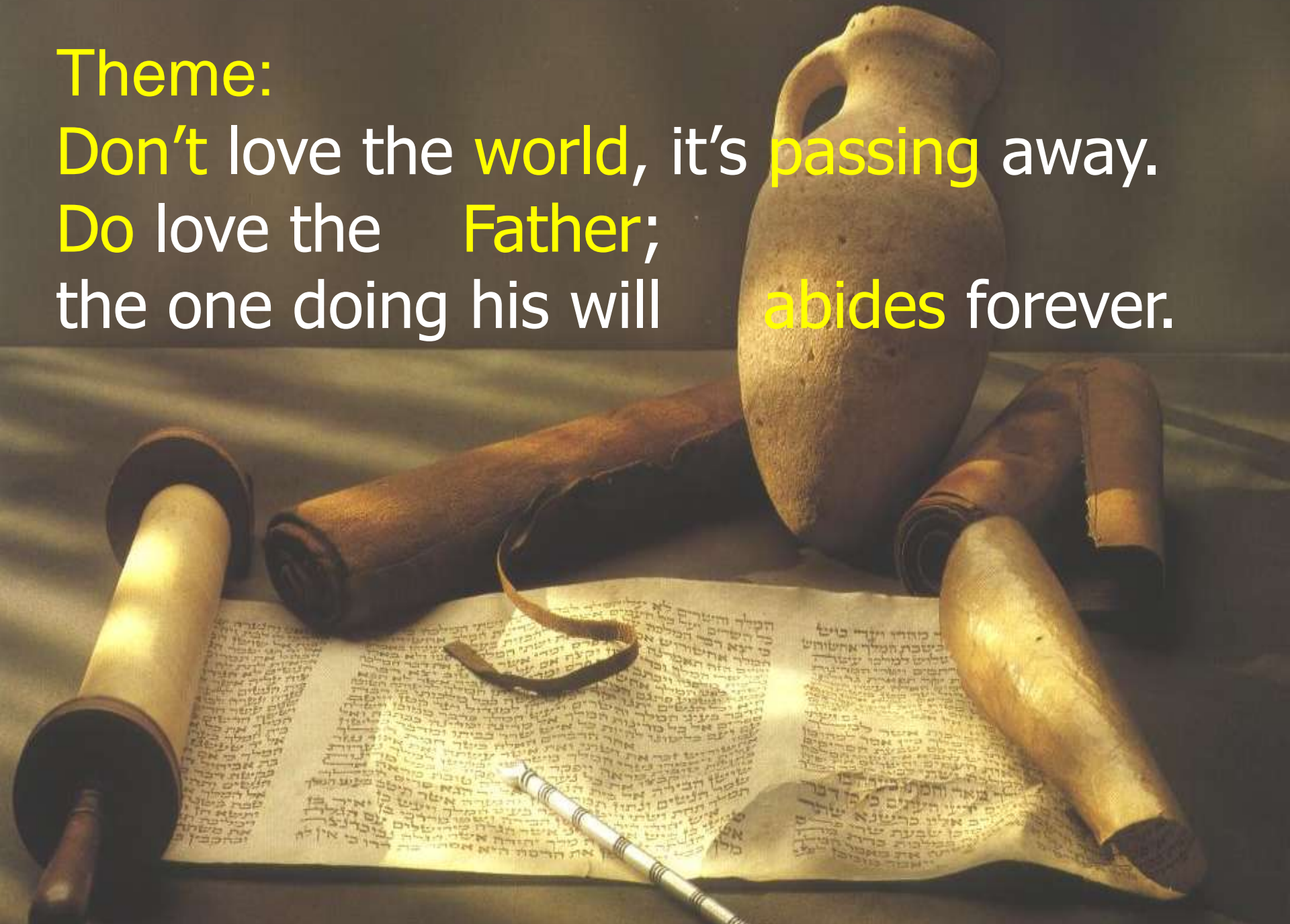


The Tests of Life: Love Pt.2
1 John 2:15-17

Theme:

Don't love the world, it's passing away.

Do love the Father;
the one doing his will abides forever.



Don't love the world...it's passing 2:15-17

- The purpose of John's Epistle is that those who believe *know* they have eternal life (5:13).
- John tests for fellowship with the God of Light (eternal life) looking for progress in truth, love & holiness.
- "Love is a choice...
 - 'to give someone their place...'
 - to do the right thing by them."

Don't love the world 2:15-17

- 'The world' (cosmos) is a way of thinking and living that is organized to oppose God. But Kosmos – Kaios!
- **Jn1:10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.
- **Jn.15:19** If you were of the world, the world would love you...but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world...the world hates you.

Don't love the world 2:15-17

- Why? 'The world & its lusts are passing'
- If you love the world you can't love the Father, they're incompatible.
- What's in the **world**? [24x in 1 Jn.]
- The lust of the **flesh**...Desires shaped to oppose God.
- The lusts of the **eyes**...coveting what we see.
- The **pride of life** ...crediting ourselves for God's work.

Don't love the world 2:15-17

- The world takes normal desires and tempts us to satisfy them in sinful ways.
- Loving the world is giving it *God's* rightful place & organizing your life around it.
- Lot and his wife were overcome by the world. Lk. 17:32 "Remember Lot's wife!"
- Demas loved this present world (2Tim4)

Do love the Father & abide forever 2:17

- 'The world is passing away...' It's temporary & its pleasures will end.
Jn. 16:33, 1Jn. 5:4
- 'Love the Father'... by giving Him His place:
 - Declare Him your Center; organize around Him.
 - Do His will!
- Why? 'The one who does the will of God abides forever...'
- How are you building? Matt 7:24-27 Sand or rock? 1Cor 3:11-15 Straw or silver?

How love looks as we grow 2:12-14

- 'Worldliness' is self-centered *thinking* and results in self-centered *acting*, not a list.
- While we live in the world we'll feel its press and lure. We can't **eliminate** the feelings but we can **overcome** them by love for God and doing His will.
- Looking forward to ultimate fulfillment empowers us to overcome temporary gratification.

Diving bell spider lives in hostile territory

