

# Sojourning Through a Strange Land

We are living in a world that is not ours. It belongs to the devil and his demons. Since the time of the fall of mankind when Adam sinned this world became evil in all of its desires. Many Christians simply do not understand this. This world is not ours. We must not build upon this world. We must not put our trust in it. It is not our permanent habitation. We are here only for a very short time, and nothing that we do here will count, **except our work for the Lord Jesus Christ!**

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. John 15:18-19

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of our mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2

We are simply not to be of this world. It is full of desires that are not holy. It seeks money and technology as the answers to the problems it faces. But these “solutions” are simply a trust in man’s knowledge and not in God’s wisdom.

Because we trust in the Lord before we even consider what man might be able to offer we have become hated of all. The world trusts its own. It will never trust in the Lord Jesus because it is of a different spirit.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. I Corinthians 2:12

There is one spirit of this world and one spirit of the Lord God. We are of a different spirit than this world. Even though many do not understand the influences that are on us from the spirit world, it is there. The world hears about some mystic practice to build spiritual strength and they think this is okay. Even if they do not agree with it, they will still accept that it is an idea that works for some people. But in the same breath they will absolutely refuse anything to do with the truth from the Bible. If anyone comes forward with Scripture concerning holy living they will make fun of it, they will not accept anything that is said, they will consider it to be from someone with a “very closed mind.”

We see this often in the media. They are always putting forth some new religious idea from Indian spirituality, from Islam, from Buddhists, from witchcraft, and so on. But if the Bible comes forth without compromise from some Christian, they will refuse to even hear it. Some will call this refusal “prejudice,” but it is much more than that; in reality, they of this world are simply responding to the spirit which they are of.

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3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost;  
4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. II Corinthians 4:3-4

10 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.  
I Corinthians 3:19

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: I Peter 2:9

We are to be different than this world. We must not be tied to this world. But if we are then we have become worldly christians, weak, and unstable in our ways before God.

So many so-called christians seem to be just like that. Rarely taking a stand for the Bible, for the truth, for the Lord Jesus. Witnessing is almost unheard of in their lives. They are unclear of what to say because they do not know the Word of God. They do not know the Word because they do not spend time in it, or in prayer. Such are the worldly "christians." Whether these people are really saved or not is something that only the Lord Jesus can know.

But we are to be a light unto this world; a witness to all we come in contact. We are not to love this world or the things of this world.

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. I John 2:15

If we are truly to be a witness to the world, a peculiar people for our Lord, a light unto the world in which we live, then we must be separate from the world having no thought of being like them or with them in their evil ways.

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. II Corinthians 6:16-18

So we must be separated from the world and its sinful teaching. To be sure we shall be persecuted in the world for our stand. The world will hate us. The world will despise our very stand for Jesus. For we will remind them that there is an answer, there is a Redeemer, there is deliverance from the evil that they love so much.

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But we must stand for Jesus anyway. Be a light of the glorious gospel to all those we come in contact with. And be separate from the world in every way. For only as long as we are separate from the world can we walk in the newness of life in Christ Jesus.

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4

With this newness of life we can walk through this evil world, being separate from it in every way, and be a light unto those around us through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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