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Sermon: Limited Love

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:15-17

Do not hold affectionate reverence for the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone holds affectionate reverence the world, the affectionate reverence of the Father is not in him.

What does John mean by “the world?”

1. Kosmos
2. Planet, the created order, including all humanity (John 3:16)
3. The system of values, priorities, and behaviors that conflict with the will and way of God
4. The structured spiritual and moral system that is opposed to and in defiance of the way of Jesus on the earth

All that is in the world...

1. The lust of the flesh (internal attack)
2. The lust of the eyes (external attack)
3. The boastful pride of life

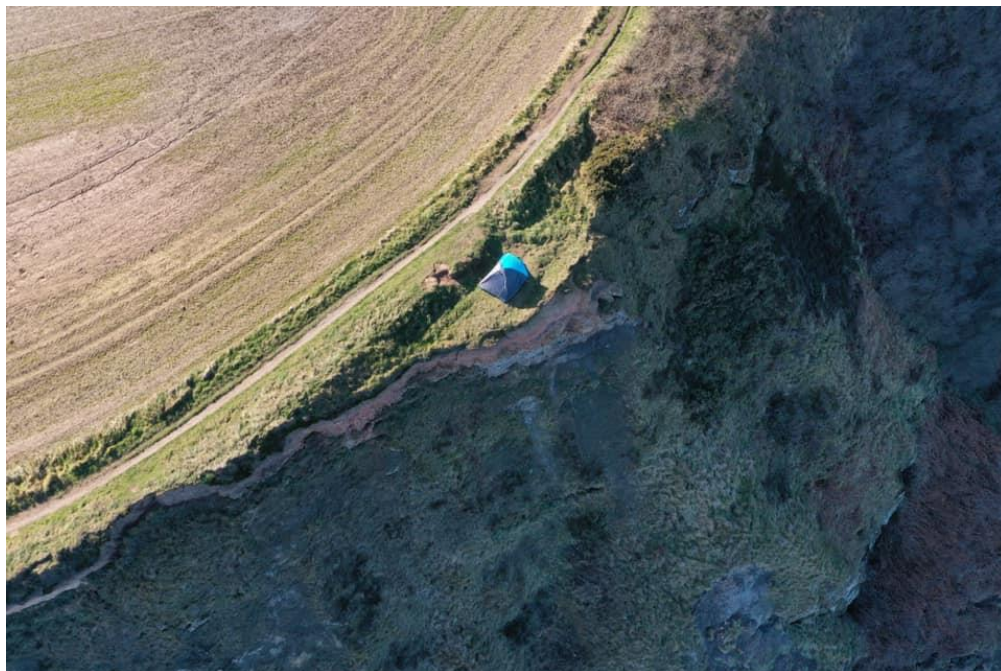
What does it mean to be “worldly”?

To hold to the values of that order which is against the ways of God; to share political, social, economic, or even spiritual presuppositions which are inconsistent with affectionate reverence for God.

Negative effects of “worldliness:”

1. Lose joy
2. Lose fruit
3. Lose perspective

The world is passing away, and also its lusts.



The one who does the will of God will abide forever.