

WHICH WORLD ARE WE LIVING IN?



“The kingdom of God is at hand!”

What is Jesus talking about?

A new religion?

A new belief system?

A new government?

Jesus is talking about a new world.

A world that makes our vast universe look like a speck of dust.

God’s World.

Jesus brought God’s World into this world.

All his teaching is about God’s World.

His signs point straight to God’s World.

His death and resurrection have opened the door to the world that has no borders in time or space.



So which world are we living in?

This world?

Or God's World?

I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

John 17:14

They are in "the world". They buy and sell, eat and drink, pay their bills, love their unbelieving neighbors.

But they are aliens and exiles.

God's World is where they actually live.

I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

John 17:15-19



If we belong to God's World...

...We are in this world as men and women who have been sent by the Master.

We are here to give people a taste of God's World.

We are here to point them to its open door.

We are here to give them hope.

But here's the problem:

There is always a chance that we become so engaged in this world and its ways that we lose touch with God's World.

The Lord Jesus is doing everything from his side to keep us safe, but we have to take care of our part.

Our part is to abide in the Vine.



Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.

John 15:5-6

This world is nearing its “expiry date”.

God’s World is forever.

Prayer: Lord, we want to live in your world now. Despite living in this world with all its cares, comforts, and temptations, help us to remain in you. Keep our hearts connected to you and your kingdom. Help us to continue to belong to your world. And yes, protect us from the evil one, teach us your truth, and make us holy, sanctified by your truth, so that we may be truly one with you...accomplishing your purpose, now, here in this world. Amen

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