



Identity Test #4: Do You Love God More Than the World?

1 John 2:15-17

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1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

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Col. 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. NIV

1 John 5:19 We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

The Definition: *What is "the world?"* (16)

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2. The "lust of the eyes"
3. The "pride of life"

The Two Endings: *One good, one bad* (17)

v.17: The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

For next Sunday, read 1 John 2:18-29

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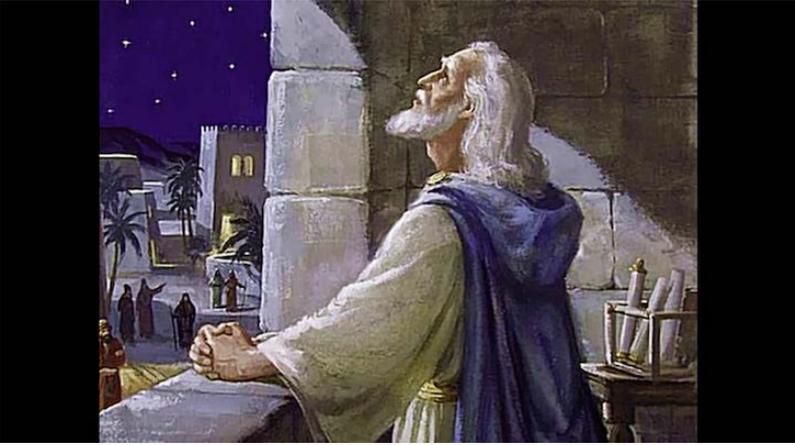
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Our citizenship is in heaven.

Philippians 3:20