

When the World becomes the Heart

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

In the Bible, the word HEART refers most often to: the conscious self, the whole inner person, including the mind, will and emotions. Our heart, in this sense, is the very center and core of our being

A Worldly Heart is Enmity with God

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

When the world becomes the heart we are separated from God. More than that His word tells us that we have hostility, hatred (enmity) toward Him. We even become the enemy of God. When the carnal things of the world become the heart and direct our daily lives we are not walking in the spirit pleasing God, but rather walking in the flesh and feeding the lusts of the flesh.

A Worldly Heart has not the Love of God

1 John 2:15-16

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.

16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

When the world becomes the heart, the heart becomes devoid of the love of God, but rather is filled with the lusts of the flesh-the wrong desires of the heart and an appetite for satisfying the carnal desires of the flesh; the lust of the eyes- covetousness seeking the riches of the world and not the things of God; pride of life-the honor, applause and recognition of this world.

A Worldly Heart is Vanity

Matthew 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

Ecclesiastes 2:1, 4-11

1 I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.

4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits:

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

7 I got *me* servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, *as* musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was no profit under the sun.*

When the world becomes the heart, we treasure the vain things of life and neglect the treasures of heaven and life eternal. Are we not warned of such folly?

Matthew 6:20-21

20But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

A Worldly Heart is Choked and becomes Unfruitful

Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

When the world becomes the heart the cares of this world choke the fruitfulness of the heart and we become unprofitable servants. What profit is there in gaining the perishable things (earthly riches) of this world if we lose our soul in doing so, is our eternal soul of less value than the corruptible things of the world?

Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Ecclesiastes 5:10, 13, 15-16

10He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

13There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

15As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

16And this also is a sore evil, *that* in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?

A Worldly Heart leads to a Carnal Mind

Romans 8:7-8

7Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

As a man thinks in his heart so is he; when the world becomes the heart, the heart is ruled by the deceitfulness of the world. The worldly heart and the carnal mind do not walk in the spirit, but rather their steps are ordered by the flesh- to destruction. The worldly heart feeds the sin nature and your sins will always find you out and the cost is always more than one is willing to pay-but pay you will. While the Lord is faithful to forgive the sins of the believer, we are still held accountable and oft times suffer the consequences. When the world becomes the heart and is ruled by the flesh it is impossible to please God.

A Heart for God

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Do not let the world and the things of this world become your heart. Love God with all your heart and allow him to order your steps and direct your path. Allow Jesus Christ to become your heart and you will know peace.

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