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“Salt & Light – Engaged, Not Entangled”

John 17:14-16

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John 17 ¹⁴*I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.* ¹⁵*I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.* ¹⁶*They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

In the World (Engaged) but Not of It (Entangled)

What is Jesus referring to when he says world?

a) Physical/Creation (Gen 1:1) b) Humanity (John 3:16) c) **The World as a System** (1 Jn 2:15-17)

1 John 2 15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

James 4:4-5 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?

“The first rule in defeating your enemy is to know your enemy” - Sun Tzu’s “Art of War”

Beware of the Snare – “Keep them from the Evil One”

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

The Ghost & The Darkness

Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil..

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2 Cor 2:11 *so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.*

His Schemes/Designs/Strategy → Snares/Traps to Draw YOU away
What is his GOAL? → Separation from God's Presence

Are you “Entangled”? Know your Power/Draw Near/Repent!

...Know your Power!

1 John 3:8 *Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

1 John 4:4 *Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for **he who is in you is GREATER** than he who is in the world.*

2 Cor 3:17 *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

...Draw Near!

Hebrews 4:15-16 *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

James 4:7-8 *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

...Repent/Return → Be Refreshed by Renewed Spirit!

Acts 3:19-20 *Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*

Joel 2:12 *“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart”...he is gracious/merciful*

Psalms 51:1-4, 10-11 *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight....¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

