

Proverbs 12:11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.

How do we recognize Gods true sheep, leaders and shepherds? As usual we look at Jesus and the way he walked and what he said. And we look at the Acts church and the apostles and the instructions they left for the body of Christ to follow. Proverbs 12:11 tells us if we follow vain persons we are void of understanding. So we neither want to be vain nor follow a vain person. We want to have understanding and we get that by looking at Jesus. We do not follow the traditions of men and modern ways of the church. We look at the instructions left us in the word of God. satan always looks to corrupt Gods ways and what the bible says and attempts to have each of us follow mens traditions and ways and do church differently to the way Jesus set out for the church to follow. If we follow a vain person who is lead by the traditions of men rather than by Jesus and the apostles we may end up in the same position as the sadducees and the pharisees. We are saved by grace and not by traditions and laws. We are saved becoming a servant and not by grand words and traditions and following rules of men. We are saved by grace which is a gift, we were ransomed by Jesus who paid for our redemption. Traditions and lofty vain men will lead us away from grace and into exalting them instead of the One who died for us. We must listen to Jesus and the early apostles.

Matthew 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Luke 11 42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. **43** Woe unto you, Pharisees! **for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.** **44** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over *them* are not aware *of them*.

45 Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also. **46** And he said, Woe unto you also, **ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne**, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

Luke 11 52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

We must always remember that Jesus has made the way and it is by grace through faith

in Jesus that we are saved and not the law and not following the law or traditions. Vanity always redirects away from the simplicity of the gospel that we are saved by grace and Jesus Christ. Vanity has us looking to follow rules and laws and men and traditions to become saved. We are already saved by faith in believing Jesus paid the price and made the way for us. Pride will try to add something to this. Some extra knowledge! It will add the need for traditions and rituals and rules and often times things that are not even written in the word of God. Satan wants to draw us into these things. Pride has us constantly trying to add other things to grace which is a gift. Vain persons add other things and draw men unto knowledge a traditions instead of simple Grace. Grace says that our sins are forgiven and the law has passed away. We can't add to it! Grace leaves no room for pride and leaves no room for any other man to step between Jesus Christ and Him crucified and the grace(the gift) which comes through this. Knowledge puffs up and so if we follow a vain person that is full of knowledge but not the love of God then we will follow that person into his prideful ditch. A vain person will try to teach us another gospel that is complicated with such knowledge. When we listen to teachings based on knowledge that leads us away from faith and grace and love and hope then we may be listening to someone without understanding who has become vain and puffed up with knowledge. If this knowledge leads us away from the simplicity of the gospel of grace we may be following a wolf instead of a shepherd. We cannot afford to follow such people because they will lead us away from Jesus and the gift of grace through faith and believing in Him.

Luke 6:39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

1Corinthians 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth.

Matthew 7 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **14** Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. **15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? **17** Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. **18** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. **19** Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **20** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

The straight and narrow way is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. And we see that we will know them by their fruits. Are we following Jesus and coming into His image? Or are we puffed up with all the scripture we know but not coming into Jesus image at all. False prophets lead us to think grand things of ourselves and become of high esteem in other mens eyes. True shepherds point to Jesus Christ and grace and the gift of salvation freely given to us through Him. They don't take credit to themselves but give glory to God. Wolves have us admiring and idolizing men and traditions instead of praising and thanking and worshipping God. True shepherds become servants as their Lord Jesus did. They do not place themselves over other men. They do not have men looking to them for salvation, but always point to Jesus. God will allow no man to become an idol between Him and us. We must love God with All our hearts and if a man becomes exalted in our hearts as guide and teacher above the Holy Spirit we have made that man an idol. A true shepherd will always give glory to God and point to Jesus and not self. He will instruct but not control. A

true shepherd does not manipulate but encourages and edifies and admonishes and applies Gods word with wisdom and discernment with the guidance of the Holy Spirit who knows correct judgement.

Matthew 13 22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. **23** Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, **24** Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. **25** When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: **26** Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. **27** But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. **28** There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out. **29** And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. **30** And, behold, **there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.**

If we are on the straight and narrow way and want the door to be opened we must see what Jesus was saying here. We know God hates pride and exalting oneself above another is vain and prideful. The danger of not being able to enter in is a warning **to many**. The warning is to those to whom Jesus will say “I know you not whence ye are”. Even though they have eaten and drunk with him he will say depart from me ye workers of iniquity. Even those that have taught in the streets. Then he says “**there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last** “. Jesus seems to be telling us that the order of this world and who is first in this world and its order is not the same order that he will be judging on. This worlds order is the reverse of the order of heaven. The chief shepherd Jesus Christ showed us the way by example. Mens traditions and ways cannot alter what Jesus himself showed us.

Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the **form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men: **8** And being found in fashion as a man, he **humbled himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. **9** **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,**

The chief shepherd, Jesus Christ made himself of no reputation and took on the form of a servant. Even though he was God in the flesh he still humbled himself and took on the form of a servant. He did not exalt himself but taught sound teaching and showed by example and by power the ways of heaven. He did not exalt himself but became obedient unto the death of the cross. And so having made himself the lowest, our Father in heaven exalted him to the highest. He made himself last and so God made him first. God is showing us that if we wish to be highly esteemed in his kingdom in heaven then we will follow Jesus example here on earth. Thus coming out of agreement with the order that satan would like us to follow. His order is vanity and pride which leads to exalting oneself which is his nature. satans children follow him. To whom you choose to obey is to whom you become a servant. Vanity and pride is Not Jesus example or way.

Isaiah 14 **12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. **15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

1John 2:16 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.

2Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The world reverses Gods order. The world is upside down. The world says might is right. Money is power. Whoever has the money or the guns has the power and authority. satans servants use satans system and obey him. They steal kill and destroy like satan because their minds have been blinded by him. They use money and power to manipulate and control others. satan uses pride and vanity to lure people into his ways and into serving him and obeying him. It is the broad way. The way to perdition and destruction. satan rules by fear and intimidation. By manipulation and control through money and weapons. Fear and control. satans followers exalt themselves because he exalts himself and wants men to come into his image and not into the image of Jesus Christ. The power of Gods kingdom is love. Gods servants walk in love and Jesus servants follow Jesus example and not the worlds example.

Luke 16 **19** There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: **20** And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, **21** And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; **23** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. **25** But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

Matthew 20 **24** And when the ten heard *it*, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. **25** But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. **26** But it shall **not be so among you:** but **whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;** **27** And

whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

We see here that among Jesus disciples he is teaching them the order of heaven is not the same as the order in this fallen world. These are the ministers of God he is talking to and telling us that the higher we want to become in Gods kingdom, the lower we will make ourself toward our brothers. We will in fact serve our brethren and not lord it over them. This is what Jesus did and this is what he directs his followers to follow. If we exalt ourself as satan did we will be humbled. If we humble ourselves and wait on God, He will exalt us in due time. To be exalted by God requires us to in fact become servants.

Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Mark 10 **41** And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be much displeased with James and John. **42** But Jesus called them *to him*, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. **43** But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: **44** And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. **45** For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Jesus came not to be ministered to but to minister to others and to give his life as a ransom for many. He is asking his children to do the same. He died and is risen and exalted to the right hand of God. He had to leave so that the comforter could come. The comforter has come to bring sons of God into the image of The Son of God. And the comforter seeks for Gods children to be Jesus hands and feet on this fallen earth, to shine the light in the world and show the lost that Jesus is still alive. Jesus wants to continue his work through his body the church. We are become his hands and feet when we allow the Holy Spirit to rule in our lives. He guides us to come out of the image of the world and its order of **exaltation of self**. The Holy Spirit guides us to exalt Jesus and give Him all glory. Thus the pride satan wants to puff us up with cannot take root. Because we are simply a servant and not seeking mens approval but Gods. If we give Jesus the glory we are protected from the snare of the devil. If we make ourselves a servant to others then we are protected from pride and vanity. Out of satans image and into Gods image.

Matthew 6 **1** Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. **2** herefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. **3** But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: **4** That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. **5** And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. **6** But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

We seek to please God and not men. We please God by loving our neighbor as ourself. Not to gain praise from men but to please God. To give God glory. We please God by becoming His hands and feet and shining the light as He shined the light and as the early apostles shined the light. Jesus is the light and he wants to shine through his children by the power of the Holy Spirit. We do not serve to make our way to heaven, because that would mean we are working to get to heaven and we cannot earn this in any way, it is a gift. If we work to get to heaven we have fallen from grace and into the law. Grace is a gift and we can never earn it. We are saved by grace alone! We serve because we want to please our Father in heaven and bring God glory. We serve because the Holy Spirit is teaching us to love one another and Jesus showed us what that love looks like. He came as a servant and did not lift himself high or look for mans approval. He always was seeking to do His Fathers will and not his own. He did it for his body the church and he wants his body the church to continue to grow. It grows through love. It has the same purpose that Jesus had. We are simply continuing to do what Jesus did through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 7 **21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Even those who use Jesus name to prophesy and cast out devils and do wonderful works will, if they do it to glorify themselves and exalt themselves in mens eyes, be told by Jesus “I never knew you ye that work iniquity”. Satan exalted himself. God does not want us in satans image. He wants Jesus body, the church, us to exalt God as Jesus did.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: **25** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. **26** And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: **27** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Building on the principals of the world, which are the principals of satan is to build on the sand. If we build on the principals of the world when the wind blows and the floods come, great will be our fall. The principals of this world are to exalt ourself and be seen as high and mighty and being puffed up with knowledge have men exalting us and looking at us and serving us and following us. Not giving God the glory He deserves. To lord it over the flock just as the pharisees did. Full of rules and traditions and puffed up knowledge but denying the power of love and the power of God. Such that they miss Gods grace altogether being more concerned with their own image than Gods. If men are glorified then we are building on the sand and we have our reward already. If we glorify God our reward is eternal just as He is eternal. Jesus loves his church and if He is in us, then that love will work through us toward our brethren and the lost. **If Jesus is glorified then the power of the Holy Spirit comes very quickly** to that servant because **the Holy Spirit loves to glorify and magnify Jesus through us his sons**. Thus the humble servant who gives God the glory is given power and authority through the Holy Spirit and the name of Jesus

Christ is magnified.

John 18 33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? 34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? 36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world**: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Jesus obeyed his Father even unto death and we see that even then Jesus had no interest in being exalted in the eyes of this fallen world. He came for his sheep, his children, the lost, and the sinner and he went about his Father's business. He was concerned with another kingdom and that kingdom was his Father's kingdom. He was concerned about the truth. He had no concern about being Lord in this fallen world. Why become Lord over a fallen world of which all will pass away? He was concerned with that which is eternal. Becoming Lord over man and over flesh has no eternal value, we take nothing with us when we pass away. Our soul has eternal value and so Jesus, by example, shows us where to place our value. We are sojourners in the world and then we go on to our permanent home with God. Building up our own little kingdoms of men and of flesh is a deceitful lie of the enemy. Pride and vanity and glorying in our own flesh is so temporal. If we glorify our flesh our reward is as short lived and shortsighted as our flesh is. If though we follow Jesus we will be looking to the eternal kingdom and to our eternal Father. Will will give glory to God and build His kingdom which is spiritual in nature and not physical. We are not building physical things but spiritual and eternal things. Souls are eternal, we take nothing with us.

Deuteronomy 9:16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, *and* had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

John 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

The mistake the Israelites made in the wilderness was to give glory to the physical. They turned God into a calf and worshipped it. They took hold of what God had created and decided that was God's image and worshipped it. They put God's value as a lump of molten gold. Something their own hands had crafted. We cannot worship a spiritual God with physical things. Physical things are idols. God who is spirit made all physical things for us to enjoy and use. How can we then use those things that He made and worship them? How can we, as men whom God has made, make a physical kingdom on earth and expect it to please God? The only value of a physical kingdom on earth is the fruit it produces in the eternal part of that kingdom, **which is the souls of men.**

Mark 14:58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

1Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

God is not concerned with us building earthly kingdoms and earthly things. He is interested in what is eternal. He is interested in our spirits and our souls. If we humble ourselves and so then are lifted up by God, he will give us authority just as he did with Jesus. Jesus authority was not to be king over the earth and over flesh, but **his authority was over the spiritual realm. The spiritual realm has dominion over the physical realm.** The spiritual realm is accessed by faith. Jesus had authority and he used it to trample on satans kingdom. The authority he had was in the eternal realm against the powers of darkness that rule over our physical lives and governments and lands.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

We see the authority that God gives is in the spiritual realm and to be used to give glory to God by using that authority to undo the works of satan and his demons and evil spirit hosts and powers that operate to destroy man on this earth. The authority is not to exalt ourselves but to exalt Gods eternal kingdom and to give all glory to Him. satan is busy reigning over our governments and authorities and police forces and trying to manipulate our lives through those in the spiritual realm. The way to fight a spiritual enemy is by the use of spiritual authority and spiritual weapons. Weapons in the spirit operate through love. God is Love and the prayers of Gods sons are very powerful weapons to destroy satans governments that operate in the air above our own governments. As sons we have access to God through prayer through Jesus by faith and as we humble ourselves and become people that God knows he can trust to give Him the glory and not themselves, he will give His authority to them to destroy satans dominion in the spiritual realm. We simply have to exercise the authority given to us by faith and also by asking God. He says you have not because you ask not. If we keep our eyes on the spiritual battle we will avoid asking amiss.

James 4:2-3 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet **ye have not, because ye ask not.** Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Jesus has already given us power to strip the enemy of its power and we can use that at any time **simply by commanding** and believing. We have already been given this authority to use and it is effective by faith! Just like in the physical world it takes time to win a battle so too in the spiritual realm. For instance we strip the enemy of all power of poverty and intimidation and murder over our cities by simply speaking it out in faith and knowing our prayers are answered. The

more we humble ourselves the more confidence we will have in our prayers and that confidence is accounted as faith and is very effective. We can pray to God for our police forces to receive angelic help and support so that they are free to do their work without demonic oppression and influence.

We can simply loose angelic help to support them. We can strip the enemy by simply using the weapons Jesus provided for us. His authority and power! He is seated at Gods right hand and has been given all authority. We have been given that very same authority when we abide in Jesus. The more we humble ourselves, the more of that authority God can entrust to us. And the more confidence we will have with our prayers and faith. Authority to lord it over satans kingdom and the spiritual realm but not so as to lord it over men. We are a new creation with a born again spirit and our enemy is spiritual and we bring ruin to his kingdom by faith and believing in the one name above all names Jesus Christ from whence comes this authority. This authority comes through no other name. Our flesh can do nothing in the spirit. We must abide in Jesus and fight in His authority using His instructions and it is by faith. We fight in the spirit through the Holy Spirit through the words of our mouth. Our words are very powerful in Jesus and when two agree even more powerful and when three agree even more powerful and when a hundred agree they become like a spiritual nuclear bomb that will bring desolation and destruction on satans kingdom. His hold over our physical world will fail when we fight him in the spirit. Our physical world will improve when we battle the enemy in his own realm. We cannot battle him in the flesh. We battle in the spirit where we have been given all authority and dominion.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle **not against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

1Peter 3 **22** Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Joshua 23:10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he *it is* that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

Leviticus 26:8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

James 5 **16** Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.** **17** Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. **18** And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

1Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

If we humble ourselves upon this earth and let our worth be found in Gods eyes and not mans eyes and let our battle be against our spiritual enemy and not our fleshly enemies we will gain confidence in our God. If we walk righteously and humbly we will have confidence in our prayers and our God. We will become confidant in the authority we have been given to trample on satans kingdom and to rule and reign over him. If we seek to become great in this physical world then that will be our reward and it will all pass away with our flesh. If we become great in God eyes which is to be a servant and to love, then our reward will be in heaven waiting for us. Our soul is eternal and our spirit is eternal and God is eternal. Our flesh and this world is temporal and we are

sojourners and warriors and sons of God passing through to our eternal life with God in Jesus Christ.

1Chronicles 29:15 For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* none abiding.

1Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;