

Bible Study
Living for God, Not the World – Continued – Lesson - 10
Pastor Charles A. Hall – June 29nd, 2023

Theme: Living for God, Not the World

“Living for God, Not the World” means that we as true Christians and believers of Jesus Christ no longer place our own selfish desires, needs, and wants above our relationship with God, making God’s desires and will a priority in our life. This means that what God wants for us, always supersedes, what we want for ourselves in any area of our life.

Foundational scriptures for our theme:

2 Corinthians 6:17 WHEREFORE COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, AND BE YE SEPARATE, SAITH the LORD, AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING; AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU,

1 John 2:15-17 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. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

In March we adopted the theme of “Living for God, not the world” and since that date we have broken this theme into 5 lessons which are listed below:

Prior Lessons:

- Lesson #1 Living for God not the world
- Lesson # 2 How do we live for God, how do we stop living for the world, and why is it so difficult to live for God.
- Lesson #3 The difficulties and challenges of living for God
- Lesson # 4 The Struggle Within
- Lesson # 5 The Influence Without
- Lesson # 6 Living Spiritually
- Lesson # 7 Being able to recognize God’s Voice
- Lesson #8 Staying Committed to your faith
- Lesson #9 Avoiding the pitfalls as we journey through this life

Allowing the power of God to pick us up after a fall

From a biblical prospective the word “fall” means or refers to what is recorded in the book of Genesis chapter 3, which speaks about Adam and Eve being overcome by temptation, which resulted in their disobedience to God’s instructions. Chapter 3 also includes the response to what they had done. The root cause of Adam’s sin was it disobedience spirit because he knew right from wrong, but he chose to do wrong anyway. Humanity falling is nothing new, Adam the first man fell in sin, and as a result sin entered the world and all humanity became sinners. The characteristics of Adam’s fall were no different than the falls that occur today. Adam knew exactly what God required of him, but he did what he wanted to do, even though it was against God’s instructions. Adam ended up somewhere God never intended for him to be, and doing something that God never intended for him to do, ***sounds familiar doesn’t it!***

- Genesis 2:17 (God’s instructions to Adam)

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- Genesis 3:1-8 (The fall of man)
- Romans 5:12 (Sin entered upon all of humanity)
- Romans 5:19 (Adam's disobedience spirit)

In our walk with God, many of us are no different than Adam, with the exception that we are under God's grace. As Christians most of us know the difference between right and wrong. Most Christians know what God expects from them as they journey through this earthly life. The bible tells us that this present world is full of trouble, and as we know trouble tends to cause us to fall. What is this fall, it when we move from a place of grace and end up somewhere that God never intended for us to be, and doing things that God never intended for us to do. The word of God further tells us that none of us are perfect, so we all will fall at some point in our lives. However, some Christians use this scripture to justify their sins. For example, we know in our hearts and spirits when something that is pleasing to the flesh, but not right or acceptable in the eyes of God, but we do it anyway because we say to ourselves, that its ok to have a little fun, God knows I am not perfect! The falls that we experience during our earthly journey come in different forms. Some are physical, some are emotional, mental, spiritual or some fall's may consist of a combination of these. Life is full of ups and downs; this is true for the saved and the unsaved. However, when a child of God, who has been rebirthed by His spirit falls, God is ever present to lift them up again. If we will call on God with a sincere heart and seek forgiveness, He will forgive our sins. There is a difference when a saved person falls, from the falls of an unsaved person. When a saved person falls they get up, seek God's forgiveness, turn away from their transgression and seek God's power to resist turning back. The unsaved sinner may ask for forgiveness, but their hearts never turn away from their sins, for this reason they always return.

- **John 16:33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
- **Romans 3:10** As it is written, THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOY ONE.
- **Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
- **James 4:17** There to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin
- **Psalms 37:24** Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.
- **1John 1:9** f we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **2Peter 2:21-22** For it has been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after thy have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them (22) But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb THE DOG IS TURNED TO HIS OWN VOMIT AGAIN; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.