

Understanding
Our Third
Enemy – The
World System

Scripture Reading:
Luke 11:39-51

REVIEW

- **The meaning of the term “world”**
 - Κοσμος (kosmos) = an arranged order
 - 186x in NT (185x “world” KJV)
- **Usage of the term in NT Scripture**
 - God’s ordered arrangement over mankind on planet Earth
 - Satan’s ordered arrangement over mankind on planet Earth
 - The unregenerate population of mankind which is under the influence of Satan’s World System

REVIEW

- ▶ **Confusion of KJV translation of the terms “age” and “world”**
 - ▶ **Example: Gal 1:4 (KJV) “evil world” should be “evil age”**
 - ▶ **II Cor 4:3-4 “the god of this age”**
 - ▶ **I Cor 1:20 “the wisdom of this age”**
 - ▶ **Questioning God’s revelation**
 - ▶ **“the purpose of this age” is to magnify God’s (eternal) life and righteousness**
 - ▶ **How this age and the World System relate to one another**



INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Now we continue with the understanding of our third enemy:
The Satanic World System



The World System is Identified as One of Our Spiritual Enemies

The content of the World System is contrary to God the Father - 1 Jn 2:16

Friendship of the world equals hostile hatred of God - James 4:4

- ▶ Satan has the authority over the kingdoms of the inhabited Earth
 - ▶ Jn 12:31, 14:30, 16:11
 - ▶ I Jn 5:19
 - ▶ Lk 4:5-6
 - ▶ Matt 4:8-9

**Satan is
Identified
as the Ruler
of this
World
System**

The Beginning of this World System

➤ Lk 11:47-51

➤ Established after Cain's expression of his sin nature toward his brother Abel – murder!

➤ Gen 4:8, Gal 5:21

➤ Satan's surprise as a result of man's fall

➤ Satan now attempts to control and direct man's sin nature for his own advantage

➤ Eph 2:2, Jn 8:44

CONCLUSION

The NT grace believers should be controlled by the lordship of their Savior, Jesus Christ, not by the World System.

Though IN this system, we are not OUT of this system because now we are seen to be in the third heaven in the person of our Savior, seated at the right hand of the Father.