

# 2.12 This Separation

**Bible Verse:** 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. - 1 John 2:15

**Proclaim:** *If a man loves the world, he will depart from God's love.*

**Truth:** We are a holy nation, a people belonging to God, who have left the darkness and have entered into His wonderful life.

## Interesting Questions:

(Choose 1 or more to discuss)

- **Why can't love of God and love of the world coexist (1 John 2:15-17)?**
- **What do you think are some of the "things of this world"?**
- **According to Colossians 3: 1-2, how can we be a strong and faithful man or woman of God?**

## Main Lesson Points:

- **The Kingdom of this World**  
- 1 Sam 16:7
- **We Do Not Belong to this World**  
- Col 3:1-2, Isa 60:2-3
- **We Shall Not Have Other Gods**  
- Exo 20:2-3
- **We Must Make Good Decisions**  
- 1 Joh 2:15

Scripture:  
1 Samuel 16:1-13

## Separation That's a Blessing:

It's odd to think of ourselves as aliens in this world, but that's exactly what we should be. We are called to not be of the value of this world, but to be of God. The less we pursue the worldly things, the closer we draw to God. And that's a true blessing indeed! Consider the seating of a flight passenger: if he chooses an economy seat, he cannot have the first-class seat. Similarly, man cannot love the things of the world and love God at the same time. The worldly things distance man from the love of God. Thus we must choose to be separate from the things of the world and be set apart for God.

**Act:** *What keeps you from God? Identify and take action against the things in your life that come between you and God.*

## Think:

Do your priorities reflect the world or God? How?

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## Pray:

Use the space below to write a prayer asking God to help you cling to Him and not to things of this world:

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