

# Worldly VS Heavenly

## Purpose

This study examines the contrast between worldly and heavenly values found throughout Scripture. The Bible frequently warns against becoming attached to the desires, philosophies, and priorities of the present age while encouraging believers to seek the things of Yahweh's Kingdom. As you read these passages, consider what Scripture teaches about worldly thinking, heavenly thinking, fleshly desires, and spiritual priorities.

## Instructions

Read each passage and discuss what it reveals about the difference between worldly and heavenly values. Consider how these teachings apply to your own life and priorities.

## Key Scriptures

### Worldly Things

- Titus 2:11–14
- Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23
- Mark 4:19
- John 18:36
- 1 Corinthians 1:19–21
- 1 Corinthians 3:19–20
- 1 Corinthians 7:31
- Ephesians 2:1–3
- Romans 12:1–2
- 1 John 5:1–4
- Luke 12:27–32
- Colossians 2:8
- James 4:1–6
- 2 Peter 2:18–22
- 1 John 2:15–17
- 1 John 4:1–6

### Heavenly Things

- 1 Corinthians 15:42–49
- Ephesians 1:15–23
- Hebrews 3:1
- Hebrews 6:4–6
- John 3:7–12
- Hebrews 8:1–6
- Hebrews 9
- Hebrews 11:8–16
- Hebrews 12:18–24
- Matthew 5:17–19

- Matthew 18:1–5
- Matthew 19:23–30

## **Questions for Consideration**

### **Understanding Worldly Things**

1. How does Scripture define the world and worldly thinking?
2. According to Mark 4:19, what worldly concerns can choke the word of Yahweh?
3. Why does James 4:4 describe friendship with the world as spiritual danger?
4. What does 1 John 2:15–17 identify as the primary characteristics of the world?
5. How does Romans 12:2 contrast conformity to the world with transformation?
6. What examples of worldly priorities do you see in modern society?
7. Are worldly desires always sinful, or can otherwise good things become a problem when they take priority over Yahweh?

### **Understanding Heavenly Things**

8. What qualities are associated with heavenly things in 1 Corinthians 15:42–49?
9. What is the “heavenly calling” mentioned in Hebrews 3:1?
10. How are heavenly things connected to the Holy Spirit and the age to come in Hebrews 6:4–6?
11. According to Hebrews 8 and 9, how do earthly things relate to heavenly realities?
12. What was Abraham ultimately seeking according to Hebrews 11:8–16?
13. What does Scripture teach about the heavenly Jerusalem?
14. Why does Yahshua place such importance on humility in Matthew 18:1–5?

### **Fleshly and Spiritual Priorities**

15. How are fleshly desires connected to worldly thinking?
16. What is the difference between enjoying Yahweh’s blessings and being consumed by them?
17. What attitudes and behaviors seem to characterize a spiritually minded person?
18. What worldly or fleshly distractions are most difficult to overcome?
19. How can believers keep their minds focused on heavenly priorities while living in the present world?
20. What practical changes can help us seek first the Kingdom of Yahweh?

## **Notes & Observations**

## **Takeaways**

- What did you learn about the difference between worldly and heavenly values?
- Which passages challenged your assumptions?
- What priorities does Scripture encourage believers to pursue?
- Are there areas of your life where worldly concerns have become too important?
- What questions would you like to study further?

## **Additional Notes**

The purpose of this study is not to suggest that material possessions, success, food, clothing, or other physical blessings are inherently evil. Rather, the focus is on priorities. Scripture repeatedly warns against allowing the desires of the present age to become more important than Yahweh, His Kingdom, and the things of the age to come.