

# L11 | This World | "Mind Not Earthly Things" | Php. 3:13-21

## I. Intro/Review:

- God's view of the world
- The Christian's view and response to the world

## II. Preview:

1. What is it to "mind"?
2. Minding "earthly things"
3. Mind Not Earthly Things
4. Set Affection on Things Above

## III. Sermon:

### 1. What is it to "mind"?

- Those that are "after" something - Rom. 8
- Those that "savour" something - Matt. 16:23
- Those that "desire" something - Eph. 2

### 2. Minding "earthly things"

- What it is not
  - You have need of these things - Matt. 6:32
  - You partake of these things - 1 Cor. 8 - eat and drink to the glory of God
  - You possess earthly things - Rom. 12; world's good (Pro. 3:27; Luke 6:35, 38; Eph. 4; 1 Jn. 3:17)
- Enemies of the Cross of Christ - denial is an enemy
- Bellies are their gods

#### 1. Look at earthly things as the greatest things - Php. 3:7; Eph. 4:17-19

- What is most excellent to you?
- The love of gain
- What is first within you - Jacob and Esau (Gen. 27:28-39)

#### 2. The thoughts of the heart - 2 Cor. 10:3-6

- What are the firstborn thoughts of your heart
- What bubbles up first
- What is even deeper - menpleasers
- Suck out sweetness from his/her thoughts when you are alone

#### 3. Cleave to the earth - Php. 3

- Speak heavenly things and their heart will go and cleave to earthly things

4. Heart is filled with the distracting cares about the earth - 1 Tim. 6:17
  - The disappointment of loss of earthly things is an insufferable evil
  - Find they trust in such uncertain riches - their subtraction can reveal both their uncertainty and one's trust in them
5. Business of heart and pursuits are about the things of the earth - Pro. 23:7; Php. 3
  - The whole soul, the whole man is laid out about the world; it is the adequate object of his soul
  - A heavenly minded man is busied about earthly things, but doesn't set aside God - thus their love and obedience toward God in the affairs of this life is sufficient not the inadequate business of this world
6. Earthly in spiritual things - Pharisees (Gal. 1)
  - Makes the gathering together only about that which is earthly, carnal, temporal
  - Conceives the heavenly truths in an earthly way
7. Earthliness is reflected in one's element - 1 Tim. 4:12-16
  - Reading, praying, church gathering are tedious (danger of the other extreme - legalism - approval, justification by these things)
    - These things because you love Christ and get out of them what you don't have
  - The business of the world they can carry out morning to night and never get tired

### **3. Mind Not Earthly Things**

1. Rom. 12 - be not conformed to this world
2. James 4:4 - friendship with the world is enmity with God
3. Eph. 5:5 - covetousness is idolatry
4. 1 Tim. 6:9 - temptation and snare
5. 2 Tim. 4:10 - breeds apostasy
6. Ps. 119:36-37 - overcomes your spiritual life
7. Luke 21:34 - become unfruitful
  - Luke 8:10-15
8. Luke 12:15-21 - impacts preparedness to die

### **4. Set Affection on Things Above** - Col. 3:1ff; Php. 3:21

1. Heaven is home and your eye is there - pilgrims on this earth
  - Php. 3:21; 2 Cor. 5
2. God is all in all - 1 Cor. 15 - in what we do, in we are, what we enjoy
3. What Word has the God of heaven given - 1 The. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16
  - Mind of Christ
  - Instruction, reproof, correction, admonition
4. Affection, thoughts, heart, and soul are there - Col. 3:1ff
  - Rip open your spiritual heart - what is there
5. Use earthly things after heavenly purpose
  - Thinking on creation to elevate the mind and heart toward the Creator
6. When the saints of heaven gather together and converse of our heavenly country
  - Eph. 4 - speaking the truth in love

- Eph. 5 - speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs

#### **IV. Conclusion:**