

A NEW WORLD ORDER

Globalism and Sustainable Development

Globalist goals contradict God’s commands.

Review

We are learning to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, which means that we filter every idea, philosophy, or cultural movement through the Scriptures. We either take those ideas captive, as Paul said, or they will take us captive. There is no middle ground.

So far, we’ve learned that our view of God affects our view of everything else. True wisdom begins with a knowledge and fear of God, but foolishness begins when God is eliminated from the equation. We likened it to opening Pandora’s Box. Rejecting the truth of God leads to worldview disasters.

We’ve also introduced the major worldviews, looking more closely at biblical Christianity, secular humanism, postmodernism, and Marxism or Communism. In the last three sessions, we examined the lies of Marxism or Communism, which promotes the idea that the State is God and should control everyone and everything. However, God instituted civil government for our good. It is limited in its authority and accountable to God for its actions.

In the last session, we discovered how Marx’s views and values have infiltrated our culture. Phrases like social justice, political correctness, tolerance, critical race theory and others have become all too common in our country; but they are simply Marxism repackaged for a new generation, clever arguments with no truth.

In this session, we will consider the idea of globalism, which is a combination of all the worldviews. The common thread is that they are all moving towards control of the world. But is this a concept that aligns with or contradicts God’s will for mankind?

But first, we have not yet discussed cosmic humanism or Islam, and it is important that we are at least familiar with them. So then, let’s first consider these two dangerous worldviews.

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Islam

The name Islam means “submission.” The founder of Islam was Muhammad, who claimed to be visited by the angel Gabriel and chosen to be the final prophet of God (Allah). He wrote Gabriel’s messages into a book known as the *Quran*, the authoritative guide for all Muslims. A Muslim is “one who submits” to Allah and the tenets of Islam.

The tenets of Islam are summarized in its Five Pillars – a statement of faith (Allah is God and Muhammad is his prophet), prayer five times a day, giving of alms, fasting during the month of Ramadan, and a pilgrimage to Mecca (the holy city) at least once. While there are a lot of similarities between Christianity and Islam, they are incompatible. Allah may be the Arabic word for God, but he is not the God of the Bible. Muslims deny the trinity, the authority of Scripture, the deity of Christ, the necessity for salvation, and many other Christian doctrines. Islam is a works-based false gospel, a demonic counterfeit of Christianity.

While Islam is a religion, it is also a worldview, a wholistic way of thinking about life. However, Islam is very regimented and restrictive. According to Jeff Myers, “Muslim leaders demand uniformity, suppression of disagreement, and elimination of critical thought” (*Understanding the Times*). Muslims are discouraged from demonstrating independence or individuality. They must fall in line or be ostracized, lost, and condemned. As a result of its narrow-minded control of Muslim life, “There is no basis for individual freedom. Adherence is demanded, and basic human rights are violated. Those who leave Islam are in danger of their lives” (Myers).

For the sake of the topic of globalism, Islam has a built-in motivation for world conquest. By its nature, Islam demands total control of all nations. In an Islamic worldview, all people are born Muslim, and if they are not adhering to Muslim tenets, then they are living in a state of rebellion and must be admonished and redeemed. Therefore, many Muslims (called Islamists or jihadists) seek to conquer or control unbelievers (infidels) and bring them back into the fold. Therefore, the use of force is justified as means to quell this “rebellion.” This tension explains Muslims’ ongoing struggle with Western civilization.

Cosmic Humanism

Cosmic Humanism is probably the least familiar worldview to us today, but it is very popular and growing quickly. In our country, this worldview is often referred to as New Spirituality, the New Age Movement, transcendentalism, spiritualism, or the new consciousness. It has been made popular by several books and movies, including *Star Wars*. Cosmic Humanism or New Spirituality has a close connection with the ancient eastern mystic religions of Buddhism and Hinduism.

Whereas Secular Humanists view the world through a physical or material lens, Cosmic Humanists view the world through a spiritual lens. Everyone and everything are connected by a divine force, energy, or consciousness, a belief called monism or pantheism, in which everything is God. In New Spirituality, perfection is achieved by harnessing one's consciousness, what is known as "overcoming self." Achieving this consciousness can be accomplished by yoga and meditation and ultimately through reincarnation. This peace or perfection is called "nirvana."

New Spiritualists or New Agers create their own reality, meaning that there is no standard of truth or morality. Since each person is God, then he or she determines right and wrong. All moral boundaries are erased. New Agers also regularly tap into the spirit world, having conversations with demons through mediums, channelers, or spirit guides. Knowing this truth reveals the satanic source of this worldview.

For the sake of the topic of globalism, New Agers also believe that there is a New Age coming, a new world order, a new world government. They believe that there will be a unification of world consciousness. A new world order or one world government is a good segue into the topic of globalism. Let's consider what it is, where it comes from, and why it is unbiblical.

Globalism

Today, there are two words that are regularly used to describe world affairs – globalism and globalization. However, for this session we need to make a distinction between these terms. Globalization is when nations expand their goods, services, technology,

influence, and information outside their borders. There is nothing unbiblical about globalization. In fact, Jesus commanded His followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" (*Matt. 28:18*), to be His "witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, in Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (*Acts 1:8*). The early Christians took those commands seriously. They shared the Gospel and planted churches in many towns, provinces, and nations. We do the same today.

However, globalism is the idea of a single political, economic, and religious system governing all the nations of the world, a one world government. Globalism is socialism or Marxism on a global scale, an all-powerful state controlling everyone and everything. We will discover that globalism is anti-God and, therefore, a threat to mankind.

What is interesting about the six major worldviews is that Biblical Christianity is the only one that does not promote globalism. Four of the other five worldviews emphasize and even encourage the establishment of a planetary political system. While postmodernism doesn't necessarily promote global governance, it does overthrow the "modern" concept of objective truth and a divine standard of morality. Postmodernism is a blend of secular humanism and Marxism. Thus, postmodernists would align themselves with anything to advance their cause against the biblical God of truth and morality.

Remember the Humanist Manifestos from Session 3? In those documents are listed the beliefs and practices of the secular humanists of our day. One of their goals is to break down the independence and sovereignty of all nations and establish a world community. Here are their words.

We deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic grounds. We have reached a turning point in human history where the best option is to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to move towards the *building of a world community*.

Humanists look to the development of a system of world law and a world order based upon *transnational federal government*.

Similarly, Marxists or Communists believe their utopia is only possible if all nations adhere to their tenets. They cannot allow for competition or capitalism to exist anywhere. In their mind, capitalism breeds inequality. Thus, Marxists would enforce their agenda on all the world and, consequently, confiscate all property to level the nations, and subjugate earth's people under the hand of the State.

Both Islam and Cosmic Humanists or New Agers desire a world community. Muslims, especially Islamists or jihadists, are bent on world conquest. In the early years of Islam, Muslims attempted for a century to conquer surrounding nations and place them under the control of shariah law (Quran). Later in medieval history, Muslims conquered the Mediterranean world, including Israel and the Middle East, and even threatened Europe. This Second Jihad sparked the several Crusades to free the Holy Land. Today, radical Muslims are still working to overthrow Western civilizations and convert them to Islamic states (called the Third Jihad). World conquest – globalism – is still part of their DNA.

New Agers desire and predict the coming of a New Age, a new world order. They believe that every 2000 years a new age is established, which means that we are due a new age any day. This new age will usher in their long-awaited utopia, the New World Order.

New World Order

While the term New World Order is often used to describe this one world government, there is nothing new about it. Globalism is an old idea that's been around since the beginning. The New World Order is just globalism repackaged.

After the flood of Noah's day, the Lord told people to "spread out and fill the earth" (*Gen. 9:1*), but they stayed in Babel, rebelling against the Lord's command. The people unified and built a tower, a way to reach heaven without God (*11:1-9*). Of course, God confused their languages and forced them to spread out. But, even after the dispersion, Nimrod (whose name means "rebel"), attempted a kingdom uniting the four cities (*10:10*). It is clear that Satan, using ambitious fallen men, desired world dominion in defiance of God.

The Tower of Babel was just the beginning. History is full of examples of rulers and nations trying to build expansive empires – Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Persia, Greece, Rome, England, the United States, and others – all established in the pursuit of wealth and power. That desire is still present in men today.

The goal of a one-world government still exists. Since the early 1900's, a group of globalists have been working to establish a one world government. Since the idea of one nation conquering and subjugating the rest has failed numerous times in history, modern globalists have changed their strategy. Instead of conquering nations militarily, globalists seek to entangle nations in regional alliances (for military or economic purposes), then create regional governance in which those nations gradually forfeit their independence and sovereignty. Once these regions are established, they can easily be melded together to form a global government. This philosophy aligned with the goals of Joseph Stalin, dictator of the Soviet Union.

Divide the world into regional groups as a transitional stage to world government.

Populations will more readily abandon their national loyalty to a vague regional loyalty than they will for a world authority. Later the regions can be brought together all the way into a single world dictatorship.

One of the problems of global government is that each nation has its distinct laws, leadership, economy, and infrastructure. To overcome these obstacles, globalists have moved to create regional organizations that work to blend the many into one. The European Union (1993) is a good example. The EU's headquarters is in Brussels (shaped like the Tower of Babel). Representatives from member nations collaborate to dismantle local sovereignty and harmonize their laws, values, economies, and infrastructure. Currently, there are no borders in Europe (people are free to move from place to place), and they use one currency (Euro). In the last twenty years, globalists moved to establish a North American Union (NAU), a region like the EU, with no borders and one currency (Amero), working to harmonize the U.S. with Mexico and Canada.

On a much larger scale, globalists have attempted to bring all nations under one umbrella. As a result of the Great War (World War I, 1914-1918), they established the League of Nations, the first modern attempt at a New World Order. Although the League of Nations failed, after World War II ended, the League was replaced with a more robust organization called the United Nations (1945). Today, 193 of 195 of the world's nations are members of the U.N. (only the Vatican and the Palestinian Liberation Organization or PLO are not members of the U.N.). The foundation of global government is in place. All that's needed is for nations to surrender independence and sovereignty and give more control of their affairs to the U.N.

As we have discussed before, crisis is the primary tool of the globalist. In times of crisis, people are more willing to surrender control for safety or security. Thus, globalists look for and even invent global crises to manipulate nations to surrender control.

Remember the Fabian window and the man pumping the bellows to fan the flames to heat up the planet so that the two men with the hammers could more easily mold it to their will? Remember the Fabians' quote in 1895, "The American Constitution does not readily admit change. The Constitution must be changed to admit socialism, and each change necessitates a *political crisis*, which means the raising of great new issues" (*Introduction to the American Fabian*).

Globalists love crises because crises help them to achieve their goals of one world government. Since the early 1900s, crises have included wars and rumors of wars, the threat of Communism (what is known as the "Red Scare" or the Cold War), the scourge of terrorism, and the spread of disease.

However, the globalists favorite crisis "drum to beat" has been global warming or climate change. Here again is a quote from the Humanist Manifesto II (1973):

The world community must engage in cooperative planning concerning the use of rapidly depleting resources. Ecological damage, resource depletion, and excessive population must be checked by international concord.

Notice that the impetus for this global community under a transnational government is to combat "ecological damage, resource depletion, and excessive population." In other words, socialists are building their New World Order under the guise of planetary concerns -- global warming, climate change, or sustainable development. It does not take long when reading the UN's Agenda 21/2030 to see that all nations (including the U.S.) are being deceived, even coerced, by environmentalism into erecting a global government that will control every aspect of their lives.

In *UN Agenda 2030*, also known as the "Sustainable Development Goals," every national government (including the United States) agreed to the mandates. In Goal 10, the member nations pledge to "reduce inequality within and among countries." To do that, the agreement continues, will "only be possible if wealth is shared and income inequality is addressed." In essence, the UN is calling for all member nations to institute Marxist philosophy in the name of social justice, which is globalism or socialism on a global scale.

The UN document also calls on governments to seize control over "production and consumption." It prescribes government-controlled healthcare systems for all, and it demands that children be indoctrinated with UN ideology. Remember the planks of Karl Marx from *Communist Manifesto*? Marx not only called for the indoctrination of children in State-run schools, he also called for the State to seize control of the nation's factories, farms, communication, and transportation. The UN is simply promoting a Communist agenda.

The latest crisis that has enabled globalists to gain more control has been the pandemic. Though Covid-19 is real, globalists have exaggerated its impact and used it to their advantage. For example, Klaus Schwab, head of the World Economic Forum (WEF) and Young Globalist Leadership program wrote a book entitled *COVID-19 and the Great Reset*. In an article by Alex Newman of *The New American*, Schwab readily admits that the pandemic is the best opportunity to establish a reset of the world's political and economic structures.

All aspects of our societies and economies need to be revamped. We need a new social contract centered on *social justice* (Marxism, sameness).

Every country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed. The Great Reset will require us to integrate all stakeholders (people) of global society into a community of common interest, purpose, and action.

The Covid-19 crisis has shown us that our old systems are not fit for the 21st century. Now is the time not only to fight the virus but to shape the system for the post-Corona era.

The Great Reset is a welcome recognition that this human tragedy must be a wake-up call. We must build more equal, inclusive, and sustainable economies and societies that are more resilient in the face of pandemics, climate change, and the many other global changes we face. A Great Reset is necessary to build a new social contract that honors the dignity of every human being. This global health crisis has laid bare the unsustainability of our old system.

Schwab's comments align with the Humanist Manifesto (1973), in which secular humanists decry the old systems of the "profit-motivated societies" (free-market capitalism) in favor of new socialistic systems. To allow this Great Reset, globalists must convince people that the traditional biblical system of capitalism no longer works. Thus, they need a great collapse of the world's economy and currencies (including the dollar) before they can institute their plans of a New World Order.

Globalism and the Bible

While all this talk of one world government or the New World Order or the Great Reset sounds conspiratorial, it is not. The ringleaders of this movement are very open and public about their desires and plans, and those with the power to enact such plans are indeed moving in that direction. Even U.S. officials have been compliant and are working to achieve U.N. goals. We can discount globalism as gibberish, and we can even put our heads in the sand and ignore it all, or we can attempt to understand the times and take captive these ideas from a biblical perspective.

The Bible mentions a one-world government in the end times. God revealed the future to Nebuchadnezzar in a dream (*Dan. 2*). In that dream, Nebuchadnezzar saw a statue with different metals, all representing the great empires of the earth. Next, "a stone was cut without hands and struck the statue and crushed it" (v.35). Then, "the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain that filled the whole earth" (v.43). The Lord revealed to Nebuchadnezzar that He would return to earth as a conquering King, and He would establish a one-world government (*Isa. 9:6; Phil. 2:10; Matt. 28:18; Rev. 19:16*).

However, not to be outdone, Satan desires to establish his rule on earth as well, one that precedes the kingdom of Christ. When Satan was cast to earth for rebelling against God in heaven (*Isa. 14; Ezek. 28*), he sought to undermine God's authority by establishing his own. Remember, Satan tempted Jesus by offering Him the kingdoms of the world (*Luke 4:5-7*). His earthly kingdom will culminate in the end times with one government, economy, and religion (*Rev. 13*). Satan's global government will be short-lived, but it will happen, and everything is moving in that direction.

From a biblical perspective, we must understand that globalism is antithetical to God's intent and purposes. Although He does use kingdoms and empires for His purposes, God intended for mankind to be decentralized, not centralized. After the Great Flood, God instructed Noah and his family to "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (*Gen. 9:1*). But Noah's descendants disobeyed God's command to spread out and, instead, centralized in the plains of Shinar to build one kingdom. Consequently, God confused their languages, forcing them to scatter (*Gen. 9:1-9; 10:5*).

In other words, God's intention was for mankind to establish tribes and nations, not one global entity. God knew Satan's desire to rule the earth and to build a global government under which all mankind would bow to him. But with nations, Satan's plans would be very difficult, nearly impossible. The very idea of global rule conflicts with God's commands.

The Bible promotes the idea of nations, not global governance (*Gen. 18:18*). Paul said, "He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face

of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation” (*Acts 17:26; Ps. 46:10; Matt. 28:19; Mark 13:10*). With a group of nations, God created a natural system of checks and balances. When one nation becomes destructive, other nations can work together to keep it in check (*Job 12:23; Luke 21:10*). When one nation becomes rebellious and belligerent, God uses another nation to judge it (*Jer. 5:15; Ps. 9:20; 47:8; 82:8*).

The idea of a one world government is also dangerous to mankind. Anyone attempting to build a New World Order is doing so in conflict with God’s dispersion command. Therefore, proponents of globalism do not recognize God’s authority and will rule in their own sinful, selfish interests. History has proven repeatedly that when godless men take power, they do ungodly things to others. Rights and liberties are suspended, property is confiscated, and lives are destroyed. All centralized governments have proven to be oppressive.

All that God commands, Satan rejects. The New World Order defies God’s order for nations and attempts to rebuild the Tower of Babel (see a picture of the headquarters for the European Union). It is vital that God’s people understand what is happening and stand firm against the schemes of the devil. With God’s influence removed from society, the void is filled with the secular State. The State becomes God, and the people are its subjects, not citizens.

One of the deceptions globalists are using to build their New World Order is environmentalism. Remember, crises serve as a means to gain control over society. The globalists’ favorite crisis is fear of damaging the planet. Thus, it is imperative that Christians see through this deception and “take it captive.”

Radical Environmentalism

There is a distinct difference between real and radical environmentalism. Real (or genuine) environmentalism is to care for the earth or our natural environment by protecting it from needless destruction or pollution. This definition aligns with our responsibility to be stewards of creation (*Gen. 1:28; 2:15; Ps. 8:4-8*). However, globalists have hijacked the genuine environmental movement to serve their agenda.

In the view of radical environmentalists, saving the planet is the highest priority, even over human development, flourishing, and life. Since nature is all there is (naturalism), nature must be preserved at all costs, even if that means sacrificing human survival so that the earth might endure.

Fear of harming the earth is a powerful motivation to get people to fall in line with globalist goals. Thus, their narrative, which once centered around global cooling (1970s and 80s) then global warming (1990s and early 2000s) and now simply climate change, is a “panic button” they push to sound the alarm of impending doom and convince the people of earth to comply with their demands, more control of their lives.

In his book *The Beginning of the End for Planet Earth*, radical environmentalist Paul Watson writes this description of the planet’s current situation.

Today, escalating human populations have vastly exceeded global carrying capacities and now produce massive quantities of waste. Biological diversity is being threatened by over-exploitation, toxic pollution, habitat destruction, urban sprawl, oceanic acidification, ozone depletion, global warming, and climate change. It’s a runaway train of ecological calamities. It’s a train that carries all the earth’s species as unwilling passengers with humans as the manically insane engineers unwilling to use the brake pedal. Curing the body of cancer requires radical and invasive therapy, and therefore curing the biosphere of the human virus will also require a radical and invasive approach.

Watson’s assessment is typical of the radical narrative. Notice that the earth does not have the capacity to carry so many people, so overpopulation is a problem and must be corrected. Nature is being “threatened” by over-development. Human beings are compared to cancer, cancer that needs to be invasively confronted and removed. It is this kind of rhetoric that prevents the construction of dams because they hurt the fish, the building of windmills because they hurt the birds, the drilling for oil because of spillage, the mining for coal because it damages the ozone layer, the building of nuclear plants for fear of radiation, and on it goes.

Thus, one of the buzz phrases radical environmentalists use today is “sustainable development.” People must only allow the amount of people and development of the planet that is sustainable for generations. If we continue the way we are, they say, then we hasten our ruin. For example, sustainable development is the focus of the United Nation’s Agenda 21, which is now called Agenda 2030. The U.N. uses the radical environmentalist narrative to force more regulations on nations, businesses, and individuals. Smaller populations are easier to control. Thus, “saving the planet” is the new world religion. Everyone must bow.

In 1997, former Soviet dictator Mikhail Gorbachev put forward an Earth Charter summarizing global consensus on sustainability and a commitment to preserve the planet. By 2002, the Earth Charter was adopted, endorsed, and celebrated by the globalists (EarthCharter.org). Since environmentalism or sustainability is the new world religion, the Earth Charter was nicknamed its “Ten Commandments.” Advocates even built an “Ark of Hope” to hold the Earth Charter. Here is an excerpt from the Charter.

In order to build a sustainable global community, the nations of the world must renew their commitment to the United Nations, fulfill their obligations under existing international agreements, and support the implementation of Earth Charter principles with an international legally binding instrument on environment and development.

Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.

What is a biblical perspective of this issue? First, we were made to worship the Creator, not creation (*Rom. 1*). Second, we have the God-given authority to subdue the earth for our benefit, which includes food, shelter, clothing, medicines, transportation, energy, and more (*Gen. 1:28; 9:3*). Third, in God’s view, human lives are more valuable than animals because they are made in His image (*Gen. 1:26, 27; Matt. 10:31; 12:12*). In fact, God set a precedent when He used animal skins to cover Adam and Eve after they sinned (*Gen. 3:21*).

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Fourth, the earth is not fragile but resilient. Many of the earth’s resources are renewable and sustainable, but we are told that they are being depleted. Our all-wise creator made the earth resilient (*Gen. 1:31*). He is the Sustainer of His creation. To question the earth’s ability to sustain human life is to doubt God’s role as our Sustainer (*Gen. 8:22; Ps. 24:1; Isa. 45:18*). Fifth, overpopulation is not a problem. An all-wise creator has made the earth to sustain the people He knew would inhabit it (*Gen. 9:1*). While God views children as a blessing, globalists view children as a burden.

Sixth, global warming advocates cause fear of global flooding, but God promised not to flood the earth again (*Gen. 9:11; Ps. 104:9; Jer. 5:22-25*). Next, the earth was cursed by sin and will be replaced in God’s timing (*Gen. 3:17-19; Rom. 8:21; Isa. 11:6-9*). We do not need to be concerned about saving the planet forever, as it is God’s plan to make a new one (*2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 21:1; Isa. 65:17*).

Finally, it is not wrong for Christians to care for the earth, to manage resources responsibly, to recycle, to celebrate Earth Day, or to be vegetarian, but we must not be taken captive by the radical environmentalist narrative and worship the earth over God or elevate creation over human life and flourishing (*Politics According to the Bible* by Wayne Grudem).

How Now Shall We Live?

So then, we have come to the end of our study on globalism, as well as the end of our series. In an effort to understand the times, we have examined the major worldviews of secular humanism, postmodernism, Marxism/Communism, cosmic humanism, and Islam. We have also taken these views and their philosophies captive to the Scriptures, to the “obedience of Christ.” We must be discerning and test every spirit, to see if that spirit is from God” (*1 John 4:1-3, 5*).

Along the way, we’ve discovered several important truths that are worth repeating. First, God has a lot to say about how we think. He warns us that if we do not take every idea captive, then they will take us captive. Second, we discovered that wisdom begins with God, and foolishness begins when God is rejected. When God’s authority and influence are removed from society, then it is headed for disaster.

Third, we learned that since God is the Creator and Sovereign of the universe, He gets to make the rules. He determines right and wrong, good and evil, not us. Fourth, we learned that the secular-sacred divide is a lie. God is sovereign over all things. They exist for His glory, and He has the authority to speak into any subject. We simply need to ask, “What does God say about that, or what does the Bible say?” Every idea, philosophy or worldview must be filtered through the Word of God. God’s Word is truth for all mankind, not just religious truth for the Church.

Fifth, we learned that every worldview is religious in nature and that all people are biased, not just religious people. One’s view of God (theology) affects one’s view of everything else. Sixth, we learned that the State is a God-ordained institution. It has authority from God, and that authority is limited and comes with accountability.

Seventh, we learned that the modern definition of the separation of church and state is a deception meant to sideline and silence the people of God. Next, we’ve learned that globalism and the radical environmental movement is unbiblical and, therefore, a threat to life and liberty. We have also discovered that all other worldviews are antithetical to God, His Word, and His values, which reveal their true source – Satan himself.

Finally, we discovered that the world has many ideas about how to solve our problems, but there is only one way to solve our problems – turn to Jesus Christ for salvation. Sin is the source of all our troubles, and Christ is the solution. Christianity makes the most sense of the world. It aligns with reality, because it is true, and the enemy wants us to miss that truth.

Perhaps, during this series, you have felt the weight of the world, the reality of the situation we are living in. The world is falling apart all around us. Perhaps even you have felt discouraged, depressed, or afraid. We must not feel this way. It is true, the world is falling apart. It is unraveling, and without God, one can do nothing but despair. However, we are not without God. We know in whom we have believed, and “greater is He who is in us than He who is in the world” (*1 John 4:1-5*).

David was faced with a similar scenario in *Psalms 11*.

“In the Lord I take refuge. How can you say to my soul, ‘Flee as a bird to your mountain? Behold, the wicked bend the bow. They make ready their arrow upon the string to shoot in darkness at the upright in heart. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?’ The Lord is in His temple. The Lord’s throne is in heaven. The Lord sees... Upon the wicked He will rain snares. Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup. The Lord is righteous, and He loves righteousness. The upright will behold His face.”

We may be afraid, at times, when we hear of all the plans of the ungodly, but if we fear God, then we need not fear man. Our hope is in Him. He is sovereign. He is still in control, and He is not shaken by the plans of Satan or evil men. God is their judge, and He will win.

Furthermore, our foundation cannot be destroyed. For we are “of God’s household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone...” (*Eph. 2:19-22*). While we may love God’s creation, the beauty of this world, we understand that it is cursed and broken. Therefore, we must not “love the world or the things of this world... For this world is passing away...” (*1 John 2:15-17*). All things will be shaken. There will be “a removal of things which can be shaken, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain” (*Heb. 12:27-29*). Keep in mind that “our citizenship is in heaven,” and we will not be shaken (*Phil. 3:20*).

However, though we are “strangers in a strange land,” just passing through, the Lord has placed us here, in this world, “for such a time as this” (*Esther 4:13, 14*). He has saved us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of light, of His Son, to be a light of truth and hope in this dark world. Let us be faithful to that calling. There is great work for us to do. Let us ask the Lord what He wants of us, who He wants us to reach for Christ. Let us “armor up” and stand against the schemes of the devil (*Eph. 6:12-16*). Let us be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our toil is not in vain if it’s in the Lord” (*1 Cor. 15:58*).