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## **“The Vortex” (3)**

*“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)*

### **God Embraced**

**Revelation 12:9-12** – (9) “And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, *the deceiver of the whole world*— he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. (11) And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, **for they loved not their lives even unto death.** (12) Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

**John 12:25** – “Whoever loves (*phileo- friendly*) his life loses it, and whoever hates (*miseo – detests*) his life **in this world** will keep it for eternal life.”

### **God Displaced**

**Luke 22:47-48** – (47) “While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, (48) but Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?’”

**2 Timothy 4:10** – “For Demas, **in love with this present world**, has deserted me...”

<b>Key Point: Am I Embracing or Displacing God?</b>
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## **The Tell-Tale Mind**

**“If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.”** (Hebrews 11:15-16)

## **Regarding the Vortex/World:**

### **Keep Your Mind over Matter**

**“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”** (Colossians 3:2)

### **Use the World, don't abuse it**

**“And they that use this world, as not abusing *it*: for the fashion of this world passeth away.”** (1 Corinthians 7:31 KJV)

**“Remember Lot's Wife.”** (Luke 17:32)

## **Questions:**

**What impacted me the most in this message?**

**Do I monitor my mind and heart in terms of love between God and the world?**

**What is more real to me, the present world or God's Kingdom?  
(Matt. 6:19-20, 33; 2 Cor 4:18)**