



WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?



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1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

As we reflect on this selected Scripture, we must heed the warning of where our focus should be. If we are to be on the Lord's side, we must turn away from the worldly things that separate us from Him. In other words, John has in mind that any desire or sinful interest that draws us away from God will make continued fellowship with Him impossible.

The world has lost its moral compass. The world corrupts and perverts what the Lord's plan is for His creation. Pause and acknowledge those things of the world that can corrupt and pull us away from the Lord's will. Reflect on those things in your own life, according to Scripture, that pit you against His plans for you. Darkness is doing everything possible to cover His great light and confuse our understanding. Scripture tells us that we can be assured that His great light will shine through us when we adhere to Scripture's authority. As we are reminded in Proverbs 3:5-6, we are to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and lean not on our own worldly understanding. We must submit to God and take up arms with Him on His side.

In this song, the question is asked – Who is on the Lord's side and who will serve the King?

We are also asked – Who will help bring others to Jesus?

By this prompting, we are asked to decide to choose a side that will impact our eternal lives and the lives of others. There is hope because as the song indicates, Jesus has made us free! Stand firm and do not be a slave to the world as we are reminded in Galatians 5:1.

As we sing this song and worship our Lord, we can proclaim with great affirmation that we are on His side because of His saving grace. The conflicts may be fierce, and our greatest detractors may seem strong, but we cannot fail when we choose to follow Him, the Lord of our great redemption. Turn from the world and take comfort in His truth for your life. He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse from us all unrighteousness when we choose to be on His side.