

SERMON: Walking with Jesus is Walking in Heart Holiness**GOOD Morning OIC & Welcome to Father's House**

Today, we continue the First Letter of John the Apostle. As is the whole Bible, it was inspired by Holy Spirit. In my last Message “Walking with Jesus is Walking in Love” I closed with: “We Christians have our identity in Christ from everlasting to everlasting,” as John wrote in this Letter. We can start each day with the oldness of Jesus our Saviour, who is before time began, and the newness of His Cross, His Blood, which saved us from God's Eternal Judgment. Yes, God sees His Son's Blood always available to cleanse and heal us Christians, not only at our moment of conversion, but onward in our walk to Glory.” John had emphasized your identity in Christ was, and is, to last forever by using the Greek verb tenses that the churches would remember, especially as he had repeated several times, as in **(1 John 2.14)** *I have written to you, my children, because you know the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.*

Next, the Apostle John, after declaring the Christian's strong position of security for eternity, reminds the churches that the power of sin must be resisted from the heart, not just by rules or regulations. So I have titled this sermon **Walking with Jesus is Walking in Heart Holiness.**

DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

(1John 2.15-17) says, *Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.* John knew that our position of Victory in Jesus is most threatened by our own hearts, even more than by the devil. John uses the Greek word *agapao* for love, which is to love with deep devotion. This is how God loves us. The Bible verse most known to many Christians, young and old, is this kind of love: **(John 3.16/NLT)** *“For this is how God loved (agapao, verb) the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.* The original Greek word meaning world is *kosmos*. It must be understood by its use in context, or words around it.

Here the context or placement of “*the world*” (*kosmos*) means “God loved all sinful mankind.” Let me make it clear that being tempted by the world all around us is not the same as *loving it* (*agapao*) as in **(1 John 2.15)** *Do not love (agapao) the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Here the context of the word “the world” (*kosmos*) is the sinfulness that is active in all mankind.

People always pursue or seek after what they love, either God through Jesus, or the pleasures of this world through sin. Our sinful nature may pull at us away from Jesus, but what you pursue in love from your heart and soul, will lead you either closer to, or farther away, from Jesus. . Anyone with a strong devotion or love, (*agape, noun*), for *the world and the things in the world* is one who does not have *the love (agape) of the Father in him.*

Reading **(1 John 2.16)**, *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world;* And in the Amplified Bible, **(1 John 2.16/AMPC)**, *For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one’s own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself].*

in the world -This would be the secular world, or present order of things in the human race. Of course, not everything in the world is “evil.” But the powers that run the world system are against God. **The Earth** is often the word in the Bible for God's Creation as in **(Psalm 24.1)** *The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains.* God's absolute sovereignty over the “world” can not always be clear until Jesus returns to claim what is rightfully His. Christians who love and pursue Jesus, and refuse to love the **world**, will find God's sovereign power in this world to be as He promised in **(Romans 8.28)** *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

the lust of the flesh – The Bible word, “lust”, denotes “strong desire” of any kind. The same word is used of a good desire such as in **(Luke 22.15)** *And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer”;* this said by Jesus at His Last Supper with His Apostles. Loving somethings “in the world” is not the same as “a strong unchecked devotion to satisfy your fleshly desires.” I am sure that Jesus desired the fellowship and good food which His Father provided Him and His friends. Many places in the Bible the word *lust* refers to those evil desires

which are ready to express themselves in a bodily activity that is sin. Here in **(1 John 2.16/AMPC)** it means “*craving for sensual gratification.*” Also, as in **(Romans 6.12)** *Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its **lusts.*** I mentioned above that the power of sin must be resisted from the heart, not just by rules or regulations. This is similar to the explanation in *Vine's Expository Dictionary (VED)* for **(1 John 2.16)**, “**a phrase, lusts of the flesh, which describes the emotions of the soul, the natural tendency towards things evil.**”

Pastor Bruce, is all desire evil? No! This is an oversimplified question but reading the Bible quickly can give this false impression to a serious minded Christian. That is, for example, Jesus' desires which I just mentioned. John is contrasting the love for God against or versus love for the World. In **(Psalm 37.4)**, it says *Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart.* This is consistent with John's teaching in this Letter. As Christians love God, and not the worldly lusts, they learn to delight in their Jesus. He does give Christians many desires in their hearts, including more fellowship with Him and friends, family and material blessings.

and the lust of the eyes- We are no better than Eve in the Garden of Eden. We read of the Fall of Mankind in **(Genesis 3.6)** *When the woman **saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.*** We, like Eve, may allow our eyes to be our “god.” to set on fire our “*greedy longings of the mind*” as in the Amplified Translation. We are not in the “Garden of Eden” but the devil has many more things than one tree to tempt us. The technology of visual things today baffles the mind, and often tempts the eyes with lightning speed. Many visually tempting advertisements are sent to my weather forecast website. I often have to tell GOOGLE to block these. Although much of the “lust of the eyes” is sexual temptations, there is also simply a worshiping of technology itself that is dangerous, dear saints. The photos of the latest Apple cell phone in the Umeda Train Station seem almost half the size of a soccer field! Cell phones are needed tools for all of us. But, I remember reading in a communication theory book a famous quotation by an expert named MacLauren about 1950! “**The media is the message!**” His peers laughed at him...but 50 years later, it became true. **How many of us in this technological age make the form of the media more important than the content. May the Lord Jesus help us all, for it is too easy to do.**

So not all “strong desires of the eyes” are sinful lust. Remember what Adam said when God presented him his helpmate Eve for the first time: “**WOW!**” Attraction of the opposite sex is a gift from God. God does not expect single Christians to be afraid to have physical attraction to the

opposite sex. But God's Spirit searches the heart, and the godly desire for a Christian marriage must be the determined goal for such passion. There are also casual relationships as simply Christian friends. The Bible also shows that God gives grace for those who are weak with sexual temptations for He had the Apostle Paul write: *But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn with passion,* in (1 Corinthians 7.9). **Dear Single OIC Saints, your pastor prays special for you for to find a Christian mate in Japan. This is truly a miracle. But God is in the miracle business. God also calls some to have the “gift of singleness.”**

the boastful pride of life - Or, in the **Amplified Bible**, *assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things*. This is a way of saying: “Who needs God? I can succeed by myself and with my wealth!” Being honest about your ability to succeed based on the gifts God gave you, and the Grace He continues to give you, is **Confidence in Jesus**. This is not *the boastful pride of life*. Notice the difference. The Apostle Paul was correcting some “prideful” Christian leaders in the Church at Corinth in (1 Corinthians 4.7/NLT) *For what gives you the right to make such a judgment? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?*

TAKEAWAY#1

Walking in Holiness with Jesus means choosing loving God and not the world and its sinful pleasures. John encouraged Christians of their identity in the past and into the future. He said in (1John 2.14) *I have written to you, my children, because you know (ginosko/Greek) the Father.* Remember *ginosko* emphasizes knowing by experience, rather than the Greek word for intellectual or head knowledge, *oida*. So as we **Walk in the Love of God, not of the world, God creates in us a larger “spiritual” heart to know the Father** better and more intimately than when you were first Born Again. It is not that we love God a lot more than in the Beginning, but we realize by experiences with God, and thus know (*ginosko*), that He loves us more than we had hoped or imagined! This creates a Christian's Confidence, not in himself, but in Christ. ***Being confident of God's love for us sets us free to know the the gifts God gave us through Jesus. This draws us closer to Jesus for a Holy Walk in all our labors for Him, whether in ministry or in our secular calling. The Love of the Father in us pushes out many of the world's temptations for short term pleasures.***

THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY

The temporary gains from yielding to the world's temptations compared to walking with Jesus are shown us in **(1 John 2.17)** *The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.* I am praying that next year OIC will have special Theology classes, including *eschatology- the Biblical study of the End of Time.* I try to include some of this in my sermons, when the text at hand allows it. It is worth some excursions, with the Spirit's help. **Why, Pastor?** Because we all can quickly get “too content or comfortable” in the present world. For instance, those who attended the OIC 50th Year Celebration last Sunday after the morning service experienced what is written in **(Psalm 34.8):** *taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!* This was not only with the awesome culinary and tasty foods; but also, as we fed upon Jesus by the Spirit of God's strong presence. We also fed upon the comfort that Jesus' Spirit gives in fellowship with His People. But God gives us these glorious experiences in Jesus, and always reminds us to look forward to the Final Feast with Jesus that will never end:

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb- JESUS' MARRIGE TO HIS BRIDE, THE CHURCH in **(Revelation 19.7-9)** *Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.9 Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he *said to me, “These are true words of God.”* Note that the phrase above *His bride has made herself ready* is simply obeying the teachings from Jesus and the Apostles, and in particular, today in the First Letter of John: **Walking with Jesus is Walking in Holiness, the Church, the Bride ready for Marriage to Jesus.**

This is our glorious goal! But, what about the *The world is passing away, and also its lusts;* in **(1 John 2.17)** *The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.* So, I am led by John to eschatology, that is *passing away.*

First, regarding the world *passing away,* I will briefly say something about God's destruction of the physical world, or Earth. We read in **(2 Peter 3.3-7)** **3** *Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. 7 But by His word the present*

heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

A *nova*, the explosion of a star which creates a new (*nova*, Latin) star, A nova is **a strong, rapid increase in the brightness of a star**. The word comes from the latin for "new star," because often a star previously too dim to be seen with the naked eye can become the brightest object in the sky (besides the sun and the moon) when it becomes a nova. The brightness usually has enormous gaseous explosions which release energy thus heat into that solar system. These are common in our Galaxy, called *the Milky Way*. "Astronomers have estimated that the Milky Way experiences roughly 25 to 75 novae per year.

Note: In this sermon I introduced science that I evaluate as true because many so called scientists refuse true science for it points to God the Creator, and also Destroyer of the Earth. The Bible, is our final authority, but true science shows how real the End Times events are, but not necessarily the means God will use to affect or cause them.

Now... Let us remember that God created the Heavens and the whole Universe and out of **nothing**. Pardon my analogy from my rich imagination, dear OIC Saints: I imagine Jesus has a key on His Laptop Computer, so to speak, that is labeled "Nova for the Sun." God, not scientists, has already decided when Jesus will push the Button. A Nova is is the likely physical event, that may fit (2 Peter 3) verses, but God can just melt the Earth by heat with or without an exploding sun. **The scientists of the world always keep repeating that everything cataclysmic, or earth-destroying, is millions of years ahead. Do not believe them!**

Second, regarding the world *passing away*, the evil spiritual world around us Christians will also pass away for us, because we will be leaving it. But, this will not be for the lost. We see this in **(2Peter 3.3) that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts**. Therefore the unbelievers will be following *the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life* right up until Jesus and God push the Destruct Button for planet Earth. But for we who Believe in Jesus, the Apostle Paul clearly tells of our final Redemption, our Rescue from the presence and power of sin, when we all see the Lord *face to face*.

(1 Thessalonians 4.15-17) says, 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede { go ahead of} those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the

*archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Until that glorious Day, we will be in this world of temptation and sin. So the Apostle John stresses winning this battle over our own sinful hearts by a heart to love Jesus and God. (1 John 2.17) says *The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.* Christians' love of the Father within them leads them to pursue Jesus regularly, and obey His Commandments to please their Lord.*

I have attempted to bring out the meaning of the Apostle John's instructions to Christians to do the will of God, by **Walking Close with Jesus**, saying three things.

1. **Walking in the Light and thus not sinning in Chapter 1- 2.2**
2. **Walking in Love and especially in loving fellow Christians in Chapter 2.2 – 2.14**
3. **Walking with a heart that desires God not sinful pleasures in Chapter 2.15-25**

TAKEAWAY #2

We obey the Word of God because “It stands written!” and, “Jesus told us to do this!” This is vital, of course. I am always encouraging young Believers to memorize Bible verses. In these verses of Chapter 2, John is emphasizing the close walk with Jesus that requires loving obedience that flows from the heart. Not just from the mind, but from the heart as well. How could John be called the “Apostle of Love” if this were not so? John points us to the emotions of the soul, the natural tendency towards things evil, but he is also teaching that these things can be overcome by *The Love of The Father dwelling in us.* This is confidence in His Great Love for us.

OUR LOVE OF GOD AND THE LAW

Next, (Luke 10.24-28) 25*And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?” 27 And he answered, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” 28 And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE.”*

John's teaching in this Letter parallels in thought and theology in the “lawyer's” response to Jesus' question as we just read. The lawyer had quoted the Law from (**Deuteronomy 6.5**), and Jesus gave that His hearty AMEN! Throughout his First Letter, John is teaching Christians that Jesus' teaching

requires a total devotion to loving God with heart, soul, strength, soul, and mind; and, also your neighbor {and brothers in Christ} as yourself. God gave grace to the Older Testament believers in Him. This is a lengthy topic for another sermon about the Older Testament. But, Jesus' Blood sacrifice would open the door to God's Mercy Seat and the Gift of the Holy Spirit to all Believers. The Holy Spirit renews our love for God as He keeps opening our eyes to God's never changing love for us. This is the heart power for holiness and to overcome our evil lusts. Believers learn to do the will of God from love, not fear, of God. That is, love in reverence, not fear of condemnation. Thus a Christian is *the one who does the will of God and lives forever* in (1John 2.17).

ABOUT ANTICHRISTS

John now talks about something that has apparently become common knowledge to the Church. (1John 2.18) says *18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.* At the writing of John's Letter, it had been almost 50 years since the Apostle Paul corrected the Thessalonian Church for believing rumors that *the Day of the Lord* had already begun. Also note: *the Day of the Lord* is definitely a period of time more than one day, which includes many events in the Bible, in particular, the Rapture or Taking Up of All Christians, Living and Dead, into Heaven. Now, about 1,800 years later, how late must the hour be? The false news caused rumors that they had missed the Rapture. This gripped the Thessalonian Christians with fear. So now let us read Paul's correction in 50AD, before we see how John warned of a similar danger to the Church at the end of the 1st Century, also based on lies and not truth.

Paul wrote in (2 Thessalonians 2.3-8/NLT) *3 Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction. 4 He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God. 5 Don't you remember that I told you about all this when I was with you? { This would be as quoted above- The Rapture in (1 Thessalonians 4.15-17) } . 6 And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. 7 For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. 8 Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming.* So we see Paul corrected the Thessalonians, for two events must occur before the *Rapture of the Church*: 1) the Great Rebellion or Apostasy, and 2) the revelation of the Man of Lawlessness.

The man of lawlessness in 2 Thessalonians is the antichrist in 1John. Pastor Bruce, Why the two terms, **The man of lawlessness** and **the antichrist**? The practical reason is clear that Paul spoke of the **man of lawlessness**. He will be physically present in the world and *will defy everything that people call god and every object of worship*. Everything but worshiping “himself!” So in 90AD, John alerts the Christians that God has not yet released the restraints on evil for the **man of lawlessness** to be revealed and demand worship, but there is a spirit of Antichrist at work. So, as Paul had said years before, *For this lawlessness is already at work secretly through many antichrists*. These were, and still are, the many non-Christians focused on the persecution and destruction of Jesus' Church. This spirit will strengthen all the religions of the world against Christianity. Remember, Jesus said when the Apostle John spoke in **(Luke 9.49-50/KJ21) 49...** “*Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us.*” And Jesus said unto him, “*Forbid him not; for he that is not against us, is for us.*” There are no religions truly friendly to Christianity.

We are now in the “End Times,” about 1800 years after John said: Children, it is the last hour in (1John 2.18). This opposition has become more definite day by day. Then, after the Rapture, the Antichrist will be revealed as the Man of Lawlessness, and he will murder all those who will not worship him, including the people of the religions who assisted his fight against Jesus' Church. He will murder any Christians who converted after the Rapture. This is my brief interpretation of a few of these “End Times” events. The main point is that these revealing facts should inspire Christians to watch for Jesus' return. He said in **(Matthew 24.42)**, “*Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.*” That implies to watch for the revealing of the Antichrist as well.

I have noticed a few things that are pointing to a world government and a single Man of Lawlessness leader. Jesus' Church keeps growing, yet, open persecution has increased even in countries that used to welcome Christianity. The electronic communication technologies are almost perfectly connected for a single leader to control. God will allow supernatural evil to be working with the technology. We already see many of our choices on cell phones and the internet monitored “for our protection.” Yes, GOOGLE deletes the obscene ads on my weather website. But, the control is not really mine.

Next, John writes about the Church's personal experience with persons of Antichrist. **(1 John 2.19)** *They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.* Even in

Japan, there are enough churches for people to decide to chose a different place to worship. Not so for the Churches John wrote to in 90AD. Today, if Christians exit due to doctrinal questions on basic Evangelical Faith, that might indicate *even now many antichrists have appeared;*, but only the Lord knows for sure.

(1 John 2.20-21) says, *20 But you have an anointing {or an unction} from the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.* John was confident that the 1st Century Christians who stayed in fellowship knew the truth, , *and because no lie is of the truth.* Antichrists then and now have a spin on the Gospel that tricks some Christians, those not sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance to discern truth from lies. John was reminding the churches which he trusted of things they already knew. This is still part of the job of all leaders in churches today.

In these next verses we see John's focus in his whole First Letter. He wrote to expose *Gnosticism* being preached by *false Christians*. This was likely the more frequent heresy by these *antichrists*. In **(1 John 2.22-23)** we read: *22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.* The *gnostics* who claimed to be Christians were denying Jesus coming in the flesh and yet equal to God. John makes it quite clear that no one has any relationship with God the Father without confessing Jesus Christ, His Son, who has come in the flesh.

In **(1 John 2.24)** it says, *As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.* John is telling the churches to not add anything to the Gospel of Jesus they heard from the beginning of their Christian Life. Heretics and heresies make true Christians spiritually “nervous.” They may feel they need some new teaching to oppose the heresy. Discerning truth from error is good, but, Christians already have JESUS! ...and THE FATHER. This is a combination that cannot be defeated! As we read in **(1 John 1.3)** *what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have **fellowship** with us; and indeed **our fellowship is** with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.* And, as in **(Colossians 3.16)**, *Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.* God has given Christians His Holy Spirit to cause the word of Christ to dwell deep within them. Christians' **fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ (1John 1.3)**. **(1John 2.20)** *But you have an anointing {or an unction} from*

the Holy One. Sometimes we can worry about *heretical attacks* instead of letting Holy Spirit keep *the word of Christ richly dwell within you (Colossians 3.16)*; and, we Christians also have *each other, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.* Regardless of the attack on the Church, God has given us everything we need in Christ. When things get too complicated, I like the simple expression which I heard many years ago. A Christian singer shared it on television: **“Trusting is believing.”**

THE PROMISE HE HIMSELF GAVE TO US.

I am telling a story here. It was Jerusalem in A.D.27. John was there at the Bethesda Pool. Jesus had just healed the man too weak to get into the Pool where God sent His angel to stir the water and heal. As it was the Sabbath, the Jews started to persecute Jesus. They said that He should not be doing this “work” on the Sabbath. After He called Himself the Son of God, further inciting the Jews, He also claimed that He was given the rights to judge men's eternal destiny from God the Father. Reading in **(John 5.22-24/Beck)** *God doesn't judge anyone but has entrusted the judgment entirely to the Son so that all should honor the Son as they honor the Father. Anyone who doesn't honor the Son doesn't honor the Father Who sent Him. I tell you the truth, if you listen to what I say and believe Him who sent Me, you have everlasting life and you will not be judged, but you have come from death to life.* There is a parallel passage about abiding in the Son and the Father in **(1 John 2.24)** which mirrors or is parallel to **(John 5.22-24)**. I can only wonder if John had a glorious flashback in his memory to the Miracle at the Pool at Bethesda, when he wrote his letter, remembering his Gospel. . But John's greatest miracle was his belonging to this new Messiah, Jesus, and feeling safe as Jesus claimed to be Deity and to have the right to Judge of All Mankind. For John wrote next in **(1 John 2.25/Beck)** *And this is what He promised us --- everlasting life!*

Let Us Pray,

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