

# THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS



*You gleefully mention the likelihood of heavy air raids on the town where the human lives. This is a prime example of something I've already complained about—your tendency to forget the main point while reveling in human suffering.*

*Have you forgotten that bombs kill people? Or, **do you fail to realize that the patient's death right now is precisely what we want to avoid?** He has managed to escape the worldly influences you tried to ensnare him with.*

*As the war's full impact draws nearer and his earthly hopes diminish in importance, his thoughts are consumed by his defense work, the woman he loves, and his newfound interest in helping his neighbors, which he unexpectedly enjoys more than he anticipated. He's being "taken out of himself," as humans say, and is increasingly reliant on the Enemy.*

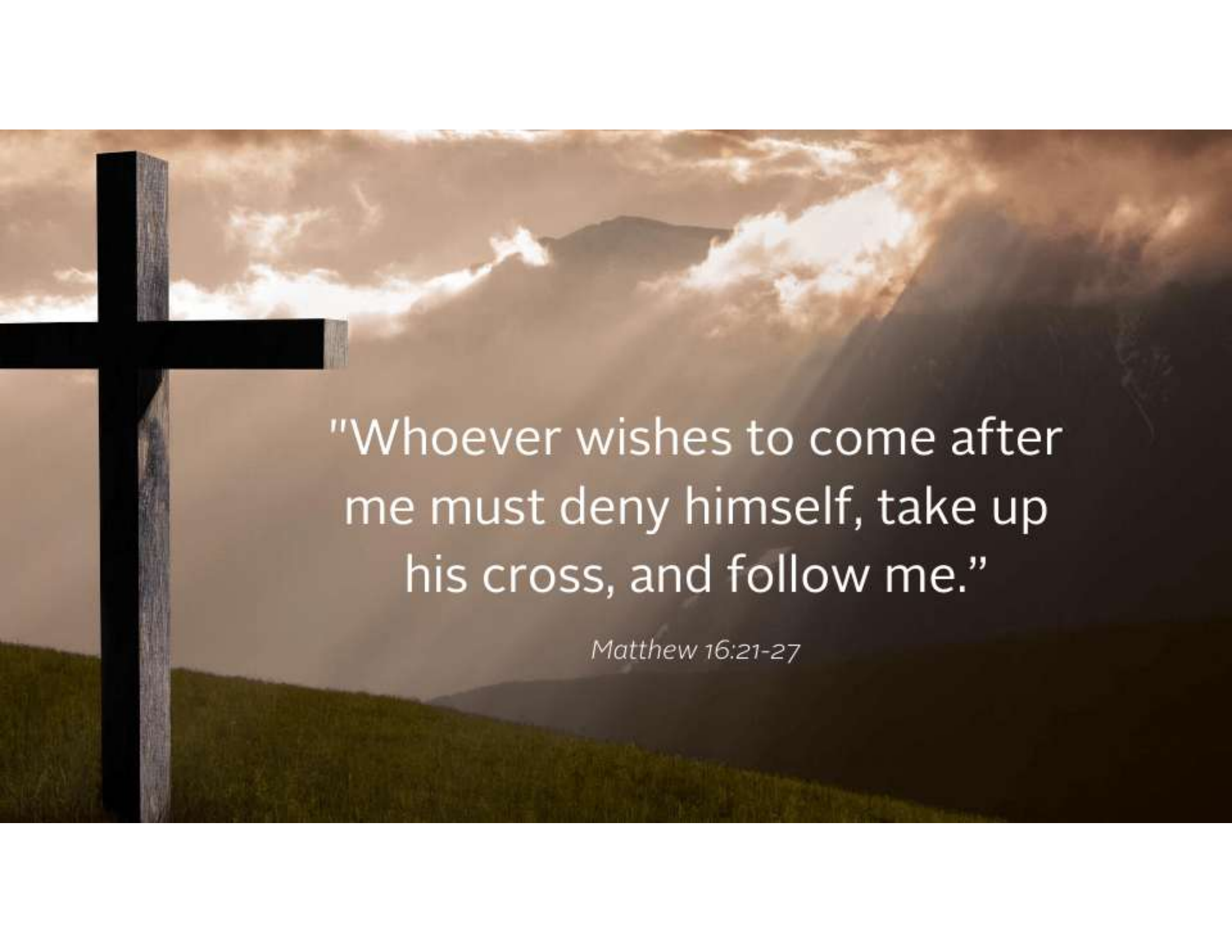
***If he were to be killed tonight, he would almost certainly be lost to us.***

*You should be protecting him as if he were the apple of your eye. **If he dies now, we lose him. If he survives the war, there's still hope.***

*The Enemy has shielded him from you through the first major wave of temptations. But if we can keep him alive, time itself becomes our ally.*

**SHOULD  
CHRISTIAN  
FEAR DEATH?**



A wooden cross stands in the foreground on the left, set against a landscape of rolling green hills and distant mountains. The sky is filled with dramatic, golden-brown clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.


"Whoever wishes to come after  
me must deny himself, take up  
his cross, and follow me."

*Matthew 16:21-27*

FOR TO ME  
TO LIVE IS  
CHRIST,

AND TO  
DIE  
IS GAIN.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21



***“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”***

***- Philippians 3:20-21 NIV***



"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world"

– *C.S. Lewis*

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*Prosperity attaches a man to the world. He starts believing that he's "finding his place in it," when in reality, it's finding a place in him. His growing reputation, expanding social circle, sense of importance, the increasing pressure of engrossing and enjoyable work—all of these instill **a sense of belonging to Earth**, which is what we want.*

*You'll notice that the young are generally less afraid of death than those who are middle-aged or old.*

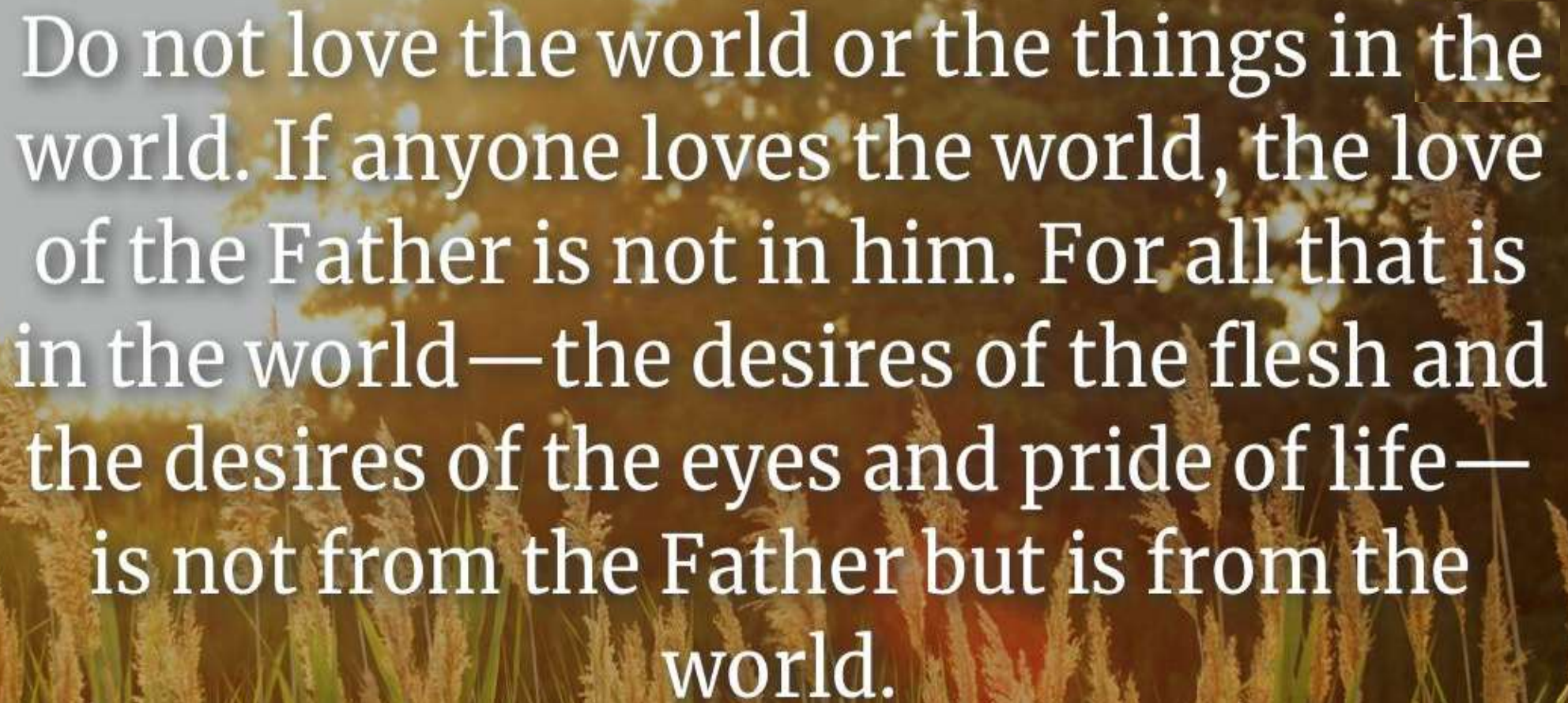
*The best way **to bind them to Earth** is to make them believe that Earth can be transformed into Heaven in the future through politics, eugenics, "science," psychology, or some other means.*

*True worldliness takes time, often aided by pride. We teach them to describe the creeping death as sensible or as a sign of maturity or experience.*



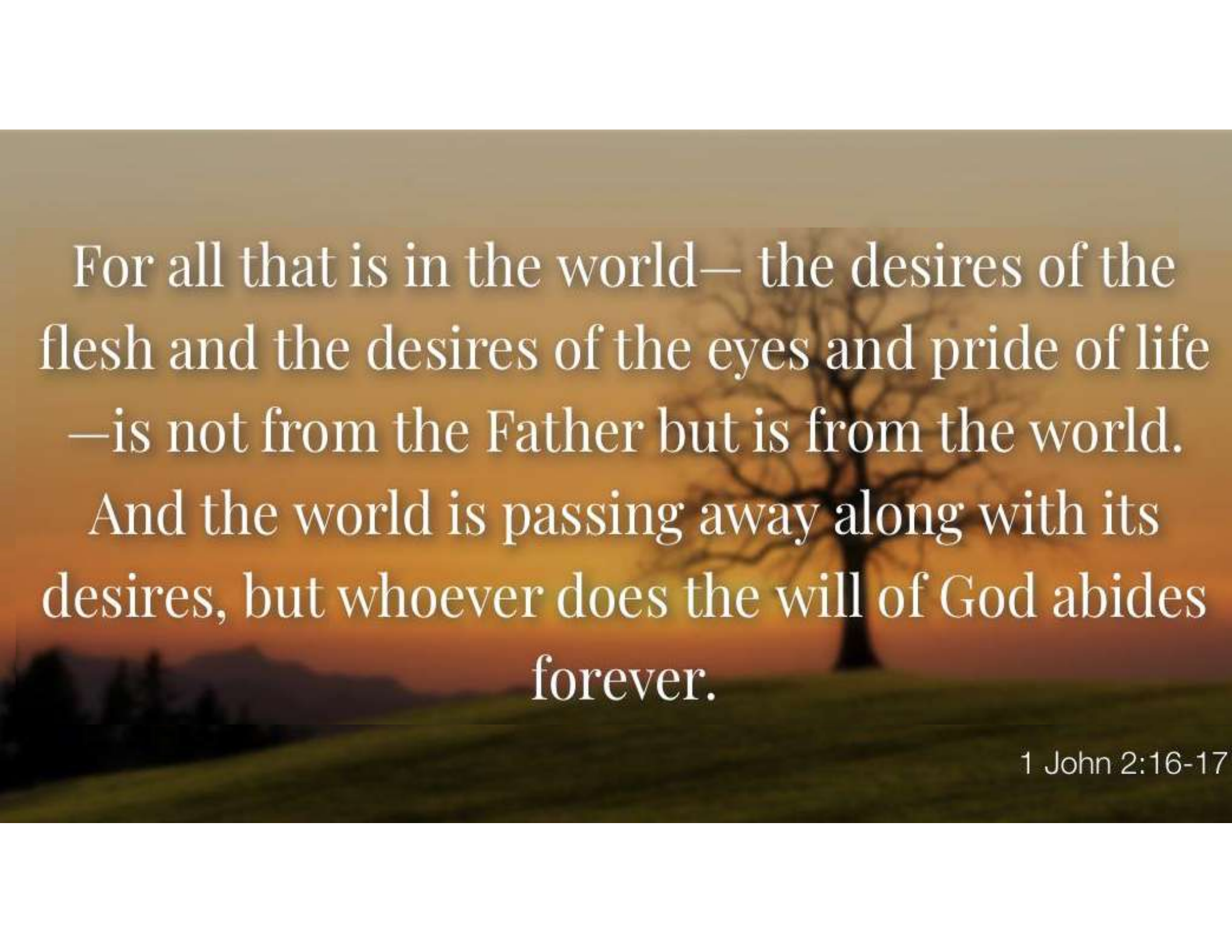
SHOULD  
CHRISTIAN  
FEAR LIFE?





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. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

1 John 2:15-16 ESV



For all that is in the world— the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life —is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:16-17

