

**“THE CURSE OF LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM”**  
**The Preservation of God’s Beloved People**  
**Deuteronomy 28: 64 - 68**  
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*“because of the dread that your heart shall feel” (Deuteronomy 28: 67)*

*To fully understand God’s preservation of His people means that our dread of being exiled is the clear declaration that we have not been careful to keep all God’s word and have walked away from His promised protection.*

1. Much of evangelical thought fails to see that their desire to be “friends” with the world is being fulfilled. *(The Problem)*  
**v.64a. And the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, (Nehemiah 1:8-11)**
  
2. God has promised that our desire to “befriend” the world will not go as we planned nor produce the results we intended. *(The Correction)*
  - a. Befriending the world is cosmopolitan -v.64b from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. (1 John 2:15-17)
  
  - b. Befriending the world abandons traditional thinking -v64c.which neither you nor your fathers have known. (Luke 16:13)
  
  - c.

5 specific areas where you MUST choose

- i. *The world has no desire for rest - v.65 and among these nations you shall find no respite, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot,*
  
- ii. *The world has no concept of peace- but the Lord will give you there a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul.*
  
- iii. *The world has no source of security -v66. Your life shall hang in doubt before you. Night and day you shall be in dread and have no assurance of your life.*

- iv. *The world has no trust of anything outside of itself-v. I 67. In the morning you shall say, "If only it were evening!" And that evening you shall say, " If only it were morning!"*
  
  - v. *The world has no means to escape destruction-because of the dread that your heart shall feel, and the sights that your eyes shall see.*
  
  - d. Befriending the world is not transformative-v.68 and the LORD will bring you back in the ships to Egypt, a journey that I promised that you should never make again;  
(1 John 3:8-10)
  
  - e. Befriending the world is not liberating -and there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves,  
(John 8:31-34)
3. We MUST realize that "befriending" the world is fool-hardy and vain. (*The Follow Through*) but there will be no buyer."

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