

REJECT WORLDLY FANTASIES, PURSUE KINGDOM REALITIES

WORLD PROMOTES FANTASIES, UNREALISTIC DREAMS (2 min.)

Millions indulge in flights of fancy

Fantasies often featured in advertising, movies, TV programs, magazines, and books

Dreams of gaining fabulous wealth, power, prominence, of fulfilling every desire for pleasure, of engaging in immoral sexual activity—with no responsibility or accountability

Are such worldly fantasies harmless?

WHY WE SHOULD REJECT WORLDLY FANTASIES (15 min.)

Worldly fantasies stir wrong desires, which can lead to the harsh realities of sin (Jas 1:14, 15; *w92* 7/15 13-14)

It appears that the one who became Satan fantasized, allowed feelings of self-importance to develop in his heart, and began to crave worship that belonged to Jehovah

Final result of Satan's course is described at Revelation 20:1-3, 10 [Read]

Influenced by Satan, first woman, Eve, was deceived about forbidden fruit, believing that eating it would make her like God (Ge 3:1-6; 1Ti 2:14)

Led her to eat the fruit and then induce her husband to do the same

Result of their sinful course was pain, imperfection, and death (Ro 5:12)

Before the Flood, some angels fantasized about women

Left their proper dwelling place, married, and produced violent hybrid offspring (Ge 6:1-4)

Disobedient angels were punished by Jehovah and will eventually be destroyed (Jude 6)

Satan continues to promote deceptive fantasies

Many spend much time being entertained by movies, magazines, soap operas, game shows, and books that encourage pursuit of material riches and even greed

This has led some to be caught up in a quest to fulfill materialistic dreams by taking on extra secular work, leading to the shipwreck of their faith (*w07* 10/1 19)

Material security is a satanic illusion! (Pr 11:4; 18:11; *w07* 8/1 28-29)

Bible encourages contentment (1Ti 6:6-8)

Some indulge in immoral fantasies

They fan wrong desires by reading romance novels or watching immoral movies or videos

Others have become entangled in online social networks

This has led to having intimate conversations and in some cases passionately embracing and kissing someone other than marriage mate

Still others have gone further, committing adultery and divorcing innocent mate (Mal 2:15, 16; Heb 13:4; *w07* 7/15 29; *w06* 11/15 22-23)

Such treachery is a sin against Jehovah, one's mate, and the congregation

Bible's clear counsel is to 'rejoice with wife of youth' (Pr 5:18-20)

Those chasing selfish dreams will be bitterly disillusioned

World and its fleshly desires are passing away (1Jo 2:16, 17)

MAKE KINGDOM REALITIES YOUR PURSUIT (9 min.)

Jesus urged us to pursue the Kingdom (Mt 6:33)

Kingdom is real government with power and authority; it will fulfill proper expectations (Ps 145:16)

Christ, the King, was not an illusion in first century; nor is he such today (*w01* 12/15 5-8)

Kingdom has already brought many things to reality

Loyal subjects throughout the earth are announcing its establishment (Mt 24:14) [See latest *Yearbook* for number of lands reporting and total hours spent in field]

Has resulted in tangible, lasting results—multitudes learning pure language, united in love and peace (Ps 29:11; Joh 13:35)

Our hope must be secure, and the new world must be real to us

Bible's promise that all things will be made new is no fantasy (Re 21:3-5)

Do you meditate on that promise?

Picturing yourself in new world is, not an unrealistic dream, but an evidence of faith (Heb 11:1)

We must continue to build faith through study of God's Word

Millions of sheeplike ones are responding to the Kingdom message

Do you bear witness concerning the Kingdom?

Can you have a more active share?

KEEP PURSUING THE KINGDOM (4 min.)

Anointed remnant have for decades ‘pressed forward’ to ‘seize’ Kingdom privileges (Mt 11:12; *it-2* 168; *w05* 2/11; *w92* 7/15 18)

Similar vigorous effort required of “other sheep” to qualify as subjects (Joh 10:16)

We are living in a special period of opportunity

Those who pursue worldly fantasies will soon face the stark reality that God’s Kingdom is actively ruling and this wicked system faces imminent, permanent destruction (Isa 29:8; *w92* 7/15 18)

May we keep minds and hearts focused on the realities of God’s Kingdom and enjoy its eternal blessings (Mt 25:34)

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School*, pp. 52-54, 116-119)

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