

## A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE WORLD, TRUTH, & AUTHORITY

### A. The NEED for a Biblical Worldview

1. The need for church-age believers to view our world and live the Christian life from God's point of view is evident from the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from biblical truth and values we're witnessing in society and the church.
  - *How do recent surveys & statistics reflect this?*
2. The reason for developing a biblical worldview is to \_\_\_\_\_ God's truth from the world's errors so as to \_\_\_\_\_ in these evil days by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God's will with the time we have left. (Eph. 5:11-17; Col. 2:8)

### B. The MEANING of Biblical Worldview

1. Definition: A biblical worldview is the perspective on life in this world that is informed and guided by God's Word rather than the satanically corrupted philosophies, opinions, norms, standards, and values of the world, so that as believers we may \_\_\_\_\_ in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and in the process \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 10:31; 2 Cor. 3:18; 4:4-6, 15)
2. For this series on biblical worldview issues, we will progress through the main lessons and divine institutions found in \_\_\_\_\_, which are \_\_\_\_\_ for understanding the rest of the Bible and all of life, which Satan has also inverted and perverted. (Ps. 11:3; 1 Cor. 14:33)
3. The choice now set before us each day as believers as we walk through this world is either to follow mere \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. (Isa. 55:8-9; Rom. 11:33-34; 1 Cor. 2:14-16)

### C. A BIBLICAL View of the WORLD

#### 1. The Relationship of God to the World

- a) Since God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things, He is \_\_\_\_\_ over all. (Gen. 1-3; Dan. 4:17, 34-35)
- b) God originally delegated authority to \_\_\_\_\_ to have \_\_\_\_\_ over His created world. (Gen. 1:26-28)

#### 2. The Relationship of Satan to the World

- a) After the created angel \_\_\_\_\_ sinned (Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:12-16), he \_\_\_\_\_ mankind's dominion over God's created world when he led Adam & Eve into sin. (Gen. 3)
- b) Though Satan is still under God's sovereignty (Gen. 3:14-15; Job 1:7), he is the \_\_\_\_\_ ruler of this \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 4:8-9; Luke 4:5-7; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Acts 26:18; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2; 1 John 5:19; Rev. 12:12) until Jesus Christ returns (Rom. 16:20; Rev. 19).

c) In his pride, Satan’s ultimate desire is to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the world (Isa. 14:12-14), and he is presently working to accomplish that goal by setting up a one-world system under \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Thess. 2:7; 1 John 4:3; Rev. 13).

- *What does this teach us about the battle we are in?* (Eph. 6:12)

### 3. The Relationship of Believers to the World

- a) As a believer in Jesus Christ, you have a new legal \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ regarding the world: you are \_\_\_\_\_ to it (Gal. 6:14) and to its \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 2:14-15).
- b) As a believer in Jesus Christ, you have a new \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 3:20), which means that you are a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ passing through this world (Heb. 11:13) while you serve as an \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to this world (2 Cor. 5:20-21).
- c) As a believer in Jesus Christ, you have a new \_\_\_\_\_ to live \_\_\_\_\_ over the world (Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:18; 6:10-11; 1 John 4:4).
- d) As a believer in Jesus Christ, you have been called to \_\_\_\_\_ in keeping yourself \_\_\_\_\_ by the world (James 1:27), not \_\_\_\_\_ the world (James 4:4), and not \_\_\_\_\_ the world system (John 3:16; 1 John 2:15-17).

### D. A BIBLICAL View of TRUTH & AUTHORITY

1. Since Satan is also a master \_\_\_\_\_, we need to have our minds \_\_\_\_\_ daily by God’s Word as the ultimate source of truth and authority. (Prov. 23:23; John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:1-2)
2. Our postmodern world says that truth is \_\_\_\_\_ to each individual and there is \_\_\_\_\_, but the Bible says we can know the truth with \_\_\_\_\_ as it’s found in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 22:20-21; John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17) and \_\_\_\_\_ Word of God (John 1:1, 14; 14:6; 18:37-38; 1 John 5:13; Rev. 19:15).

Pre-Modern Era	Modern Era	Post-Modern Era
Up to 1789	1789-1989	1989-Present
High View of the Bible	Low View of the Bible	Anti-Bible
Revelation Is True	Science Is True	No Absolute Truth
Trust in Religious Institutions	Trust in Human Reason & Science	Mysticism, Pluralism, & Neo-Paganism

- *How should you respond to this postmodern world?* (2 Cor. 10:5; Phil. 2:15-16)