



# **BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW!**

**Aligning your view of the world with God's Word!**

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### Opening Comments

- Today, we continue our series: **Worldviews: Aligning your view of the world with God's Word!**
- I thought I would start this morning by reminding us why I am teaching this series
- But first, let's pray!
- **Pray**

### Teaching

- **The Patriarchy!**
- A Barna survey in 2020 found that only 6% of professing Christians had a biblical worldview
- Only 6% of Christians used the Bible to determine how they viewed the world around them
- That means that 94% of Christians look at the issues of life using something other than the Bible to interpret how they think and respond to that issue
- A biblical worldview is how we experience the fullness of God's grace, mercy, blessings, peace, joy, love, and everything else God promised us
- 94% of professing Christians are living something less than all that God has for them
- One of the tenets of postmodernism is the challenging of objective truth
- Truth became something that I discover for myself
- For example, the sexual revolution began by the rejection of the objective truth that sex was to be limited to a man and woman in holy matrimony
- Sex could be with anyone, at any time, with as many people as you desire
- And once that became normal, people decided it was good to live together without being married

- It makes sense, if you don't need to be married to have sex, then you don't need to be married to live together – logical next step
- Then, since it was okay to have sex with anyone you want, it should be okay to have sex with someone of the same gender
- And then, once it was okay to have sex with someone of the same gender, then it should be okay for two people of the same gender to be married
- And since there is no objective truth, I can choose what gender I am and then, either act like I am that gender, or surgically modify myself to resemble that gender
- And then once that is okay, I can begin encouraging my children to choose what gender they want to be, or I can make that choice for them
- And since gender and age are not restricted by objective truth, it should be okay for adults to have sex with children
- Oh wait – the culture hasn't gotten there – YET!
- Turn to **John 18**
- Once you reject objective truth, you can end up anywhere – you can eventually justify anything
- Most of you know me well enough to know that I believe in objective truth
- Objective truth is something that is true for everyone, whether they agree with it or not.
- For example – gravity exists – it is an objective truth
- In John 18 Jesus is standing before Pilate
- **John 18:33-37**
- Jesus says to Pilate, you want to know who I am – I am a witness of the truth
- Earlier Jesus said to His disciples **John 14:6**  
Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”
- In John 18 Pilate responds famously to Jesus
- **John 18:38**
- That may your truth Jesus, but it is not my truth, says Pilate
- What do you think might be the consequence of everyone having their own truth? Chaos, conflict, and confusion!

- This series is based on some presumptions
- First – God exists and that He interacts with humans **Hebrews 11:6**  
But without faith *it is impossible to please Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- Second, that God wants us to know how to please Him **Micah 6:8**  
He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?
- Third, God gave us His Word the Bible so that we could know Him and walk with Him in truth **Psalm 119:160**  
The entirety of Your word *is* truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.
- The Bible, God’s written Word, is the source of objective truth
- As the source of objective truth, it is how I am to view the world
- For example, the Jesus says **Matthew 5:43-44a**  
You have heard that it was said, ‘*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies...
- I don’t interpret that based on my feelings or ideas of how to love my enemies – like: okay I won’t throw rocks at them, or key their car, or troll them on the internet **Matthew 5:44b**  
... **bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you...**
- The reason this nation is in the state that it is today is because very few people have a biblical worldview
- Most have rejected God completely and view the Bible as irrelevant
- Objective truth corresponds to reality
- That is a problem for people who do not like the reality they see around them
- Over 100 years ago a group of social researchers in Germany developed a theory to explain the culture they were living in
- It came to America and found fertile ground on college campuses
- It would eventually be called Critical Theory
- The worldview that formed the basis for their research and theory was the ideology of Marxism
- That is why Critical Theory is sometimes referred to as Cultural Marxism – though proponents of this theory today don’t like that name because of its negative connotations – rightly so
- A pig in a dress is still a pig – the worldview determined how the theory formed and established the objective of the theory

- CT examines systems and organizations for inequities – for where things aren't equal – and then seeks to explain the inequity
  - Unfortunately, they only have one explanation – the dominant group must be oppressing everyone else to create and perpetuate the inequity
  - Critical Theory has become the dominant worldview for a significant percentage of our culture
  - This is borne out by the huge demand for people to fill roles in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity jobs
  - Our prayer for this nation is revival – repenting for rejecting God and His Word and turning to Him
  - That brings me to the topic for the day
  - Truth corresponds to reality
  - One of the realities we see in the world around us is that men hold positions of power, authority, and wealth at a much higher level than women do
  - 9 of the top ten billionaires are men
  - That is the reality – but what is the truth that reality points to
  - Proponents of Critical Theory through vehicles like Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity would point to inequality and lack of diversity
  - And because they see those things as inherently evil, they must attach an evil motive to the interpretation
  - The term they use for that evil motive is The Patriarchy
- Patriarchy: social organization marked by the supremacy of the father in the clan or family, the legal dependence of wives and children, and the reckoning of descent and inheritance in the male line.**
- Throughout history, most societies had been set up with a patriarchal form of organization
  - Proponents of CT or social justice use a different definition
- The Patriarchy: a social system in which power is held by men, through cultural norms and customs that favor men and withhold opportunity from women.**
- Their interpretation of the inequity is that men have created a system that puts power in their hands, and they use that power to prevent women from getting power
  - They attribute an evil motive to men in power
  - Don't get me wrong, men without God and His Word will do wrong things – including oppress women

- But that is not the explanation for this inequity
- As I stated earlier, by rejecting objective truth, the result is chaos, conflict, and confusion
- All those are the opposite of peace, joy, love
- Paul tells us something of the nature of God **1 Corinthians 14:33**  
**For God is not *the author of confusion but of peace...***
- God is a God of order - And as God, He determines what is orderly
- A casual reading of the Bible makes it abundantly clear that God prefers a patriarchal form of government, in marriages, families, communities, the church, and in government
- But here is where people get confused about that
- It is an issue of headship versus rulership
- Turn to **1 Samuel 8**
- Biblical headship is about maintaining God's order
- Rulership is about having dominion over others
- One of the best examples of this is the nation of Israel
- From the beginning, Israel was set up with a patriarchal form of government – Abraham – Isaac – Jacob/Israel – 12 sons
- After delivering them from bondage in Egypt God appointed Samuel to be their head – to maintain God's order in the nation – but he did not have dominion over them
- They wanted something different
- **1 Samuel 8:4-5**
- They were rejecting God's way for the ways of the world around them
- **1 Samuel 8:6-7**
- When someone is practicing biblical headship, they are focused on God's order and seek only his approval
- A ruler is focused on the people and their approval
- Though a wicked ruler may only care about his own approval
- God's order is patriarchal - Paul makes that clear as he compares the Godhead to the marriage relationship **1 Corinthians 11:3**  
**But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and the head of Christ *is* God.**
- God's order of headship is God the Father is head over Christ – Christ is head over the man – and the man is head over the woman

- This is not a matter of superiority – the Bible teaches us that Jesus is equal to God the Father in all ways
- It also teaches us that men and women are equal **Galatians 3:28**  
**There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**
- God has chosen men to lead in most situations – that doesn't make them better than women, nor does it make women inferior to men in any way
- Here is the bottom line for us as believers
- The reality that more men are in leadership positions in the world is a function of God's providence – it is a God-given place of headship
- The reality that most of them are doing it in rebellion to God and His Word does not mean that women should take their place – out of order
- The Patriarchy described by CT and 'social justice' advocates is a myth created to stir up chaos, conflict, and confusion
- The answer is to hold men accountable to their God-given responsibilities to Him and to those they lead
- Oppression of any kind of anyone is always wrong
- The answer is revival in the hearts of all men until they care more about God's order than anything else
- The people of Israel in Samuel's day were walking in rebellion to God and so they proposed replacing God's order with human schemes
- Any time you hear someone speak of The Patriarchy – be wary
- You cannot violate God's order without moving away from experiencing His grace, mercy, joy, peace, and love
- God's ways are the right ways – even if we don't like it
- Close with one final verse **James 3:17-18**  
**But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.**  
<sup>18</sup> **Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.**
- Let's seek God's wisdom and not be distracted by the noise of this world
- **Prayer**