

Psalm 1: Worldview Part 2

Community Group Questions

1. Do you have difficulty interacting with worldviews you do not believe in or agree with?
2. How are you currently developing your Biblical Worldview?
3. Do you feel alienated from others because of your worldview?
4. Talk about a time in which you needed to make a decision and went to God's Word for the answers.

Last week we answered the important worldview questions of origin, meaning, morality and destiny from a Biblical perspective and this week I would like to study Psalm 1 because it contrasts what the life of a person that has a Biblical worldview with a person that does not.

Today we are going to learn how to develop a Biblical Worldview, the benefits of having a Biblical Worldview and the consequences of not having a Biblical Worldview.

Vrs 1-2 Starts off by saying a person is blessed when they go to the Word of the Lord for navigating life rather than people that do not know the Lord.

The Christian life is described as a walk. It begins with a step of faith in trusting Christ and it grows as we take further steps of faith in obedience to His Word.

Walking involves progress, and Christians are to make progress in applying Bible truths to daily life. But it is possible for the believer to walk "in the darkness," outside the will of God (1 John 1:5-7).

Walk, stand and sit are three terms that serve as examples of actions in this passage.

*Walking in their counsel...*When you have life questions and important decisions, who do you go to for counsel? The blessed person goes to the Word of God for counsel and one thing that is important for us to realize, going to the wrong place for counsel can and will lead us down wrong paths.

*Standing in the way of sinners...*as Warren Weirsbe says here standing to consider sinful things. As Christians our mind needs to be so far away from sinful thoughts that when sin presents itself, our first thoughts are things like...*that is wrong, that is not me and the Lord is not pleased with things like that.*

A first step to falling into sin is considering the sin.

*Sitting in the seat of scoffers...*sitting would represent comfort, so the concept would be entering into sin and being comfortable with it. This also has much to do with who you surround yourself with. *1 Cor 15:33 "Bad company ruins good morals"* Are you comfortable around those that do not believe?

In life if we spend too much time being influenced by ungodly people it gives us a warped worldview...How do we identify the worldviews that are going to lead us away from a Biblical Worldview?

Types of unbelievers

1. Indifferent- I don't know or I don't care
2. Intellectual- I am too smart to have a crutch like God, proud
3. Religious- I am a good person or I belong to a religion that does not include Jesus.
4. Spiritual-Believe in yourself, usually agnostic -unknown
5. Hedonist-pleasure is the most important thing
6. Atheist- no God
7. Moralist- I do the right thing

These are all a bit different and yet they all have one thing in common...the Bible says blindness. *2 Cor. 4:4 "In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."*

So these unbelieving worldviews lead us away from a Biblical Worldview but do all Christians have a Biblical Worldview?

Types of Christians.

1. *Worldly Christians.* Carnal or nominal 1 Cor. 5 speaks about these people.
2. *Separatist Christians*-Light under a bowl. I will not be around unbelievers.
3. *Overzealous and understudied* = they love the Lord and want other people too but they do not know much about the Bible. They practice unbiblical spiritual practices, they may become one issue Christians, they may take verses out of context to prove their own points, they may read a scripture and apply it wrong. The bottom line is these are people that love Jesus but because they don't study the Bible they get off track and in some cases do more harm than good.

4. Christians with a Biblical Worldview

This Christian studies the Bible and the result is they develop a Biblical Worldview.

How to Develop a Biblical Worldview Vrs 2

The more we converse with the word of God the better furnished we are for every good word and work

Meditate on the Word. This should be going on Day and Night

The Bible should have a profound impact on your everyday life, the decisions that you make. The Bible is not only something we believe at church.

Study so you understand what it means, **2 Tim 3:16-17**

Doctrine=teaching, Reproof=conviction or feeling bad about our sin.

Correction=making things straight. Training in Righteousness

Memorize-Commit it to memory Psalm 119:9-11

Pray about the verse

Often times our Biblical Worldview is challenged by what is going on around us and how those events make us feel. "I am depressed because something bad happened so therefore I am upset with God so now I question Him.

I am discouraged because I can't achieve a goal, why won't God give me the strength to achieve this. No we are put into the mindset "I feel this or that"

But we can't base our view of God by how we feel, we have to base it on who He is and what Word tells us about Him.

As Louie Giglio says "remember Psalm 46:10 says "be still and KNOW that I am God" not "be still and FEEL that I am God"

So making the Word part of us by meditating on it will get us through those difficult times because we are getting to KNOW Him through it.

There are **Benefits of a Biblical Worldview Vrs 3**

When we have and live by the Biblical worldview we will be like a "tree" planted by "Water"

Water=Word and the Word gives life to the righteous person.

Fruit are the results we see and experience. If you plant an apple tree you expect apples for apple picking season.

In season-times of blessing and out of season-times of no blessing. The Christian with the healthy Biblical Worldview realizes there are natural seasons in their spiritual life and they need to press on in the good, not so good and bad

Sustenance *is the maintaining of someone or something in life or existence.* The Lord is the one who keeps us, meaning that no matter what the situation the Lord is with us and guides us through it.

Prosperity-This is not necessarily worldly success but is the prosperity of when we follow what God's Word tells us we will not be led down the wrong path.

Matthew Henry said "That prosperity shall attend him wherever he goes, soul-prosperity. Whatever he does, in conformity to the law, it shall prosper and succeed to his mind, or above his hope."

If there is ever a time in which you think that it is not logical or beneficial to follow what the Bible teaches, think again because you will prosper in following it.

Salvation- Stand in judgment, GOSPEL

Now that we know how to develop a Biblical Worldview and that there are benefits to having a Biblical Worldview we need to be reminded that there are consequences of a Non-Biblical Worldview.

The Consequences come in the form of 3 things the unbeliever will lack.

Lack...

Direction Vrs 4" Chaff-is the useless dry brittle part of the grain that is blown off the grain or separated at threshing. Because their

worldview is unsettled and not anchored in truth is will not hold up or work for them. *Spurgeon said their views are ...worthless, dead, unserviceable, without substance, and easily carried away. Here, also, mark their doom,*

Which brings us to the next thing they lack...

Protection Vrs 5a When they stand before the Lord in judgment they have no protection from judgment. Jesus protects the believer.

Trust 5b Because they do not trust in Jesus those that do will not be comfortable with fully trusting them. This is tough but the truth is when someone does not love God, and His Word it becomes difficult for people that do to trust them. Listen to...

Jer 9:4-5 And they do not know Me," declares the LORD. "Let everyone be on guard against his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; Because every brother deals craftily, And every neighbor goes about as a slanderer. "Everyone deceives his neighbor And does not speak the truth, They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves committing iniquity....

If you cannot 100% trust someone that does not know the Lord this should make us think hard about issues like who we marry, who we enter into business partnerships and who we primarily spend our time with.

Finally they lack

Hope Vrs 6 the future is not bright for those that do not trust Jesus.

In closing what do we do to help those around us that do not have relationship with Jesus and a Biblical Worldview.

-Pray for

-Have patience with

- Willing to answer their questions
- Show love
- Share the Gospel