

# MESSAGE OUTLINE

## SUNDAY, August 28, 2022



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: CREATION  
Worldview—Part 2  
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“Our studies of worldview development have shown that people do what they believe.” (Barna, 109).

Don't we want our lives to evidence our faith? How do we examine ourselves to see if we are living out the Biblical worldview?

*2 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT) Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.*

“Your **worldview** is the set of beliefs about fundamental aspects of Reality that ground and influence all your perceiving, thinking, knowing, and doing.” –Oregon State University

### Seven worldviews we will examine in this message series:

1. Biblical Theism --> TODAY!
2. Secular Humanism
3. Moralistic Therapeutic Deism
4. Postmodernism
5. Nihilism
6. Eastern Mysticism
7. Marxism

### Among Americans today...

95%	do not consider success in life to be described as consistent obedience to God.
92%	do not believe that the wealth they have has been given to them by God to manage for his purposes.
91%	do not believe that people are born into sin and need to be saved by Jesus Christ.
88%	say they get their primary moral guidance from various sources other than the Bible.
76%	contend that good people can earn a place in heaven through their good behavior.
75%	do not believe that God is the basis of all truth.

### 6 “barrier beliefs” that make Christianity difficult to swallow in the post-Christian West:

1. There cannot be one true religion that falsifies all other views.
2. Evil and suffering make the powerful God of the Bible impossible.
3. Personal choice is sacred and cannot be violated by any religion or ideology that requires my submission to lordship.
4. The church's track record is too dismal.
5. God's anger or wrath is unpalatable, perhaps even criminal.
6. The Bible is untrustworthy and socially regressive. (Pastor Theologian p 181)

The Biblical Worldview (**Biblical Theism**) means...

“Being deeply committed to practicing our religious faith. Believing that the universe was designed, created, and is maintained by God. Believing that human beings were created by God, in His image, but are undermined by personal sin and therefore need to be redeemed through Jesus Christ. Accepting the idea of “original sin.” Agreeing that the common purpose of humanity is to know, love, and serve God with all of our heart, mind, strength, and soul. Embracing the Bible as our primary source of moral guidance. Believing that

every moral choice we make either honors or dishonors God. Accepting the notion of God being the all-knowing, all-powerful, and just creator of the universe who still rules that universe today. Considering Satan to be a real and influential being. Participating in religious activities such as: worshipping God; praying to God; studying the Bible; seeking and following God's will; asking for God's forgiveness for their sins. Identifying as a Christian. Believing that after we die, they will spend eternity in God's presence solely because we have confessed our sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as our savior." (Barna, 101).

**Special Creation**—The universe was designed, created, and is maintained by God. Human beings were created by God, in His image.

### **Can you believe in the supernatural?**

*Acts 26:8 (NLT) "Why does it seem incredible to any of you that God can raise the dead?"*

## **PRINCIPLES FOR BIBLICAL CREATION**

### **God Is Eternal**

*Genesis 1:1a (NLT) In the beginning God...*

*John 1:1 (NIV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

### **Every Creature Knows God Created**

*Psalms 19:1 (NLT) The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship.*

*Romans 1:20 (NLT) For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.*

### **God Created Out of Nothing**

*Genesis 1:1 (NLT) In the beginning God created [בְּרָא] the heavens and the earth.*

### **Purpose for the Universe**

*Psalms 148:4-5 (NKJV) Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.*

*Revelation 4:11 (NKJV) "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."*

### **Supernaturalism**

*Genesis 18:14a (NLT) Is anything too hard for the LORD?*

### **Young Earth...(When is "Prehistoric?")**

*Genesis 5:1 (NLT) This is the written account of the descendants of Adam. When God created human beings, he made them to be like himself.*

### **Six Literal Days of Creation**

*Genesis 1:5ff (NKJV) God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day...*

### **Adam and Eve Historical First Humans**

*Genesis 4:1a (NLT) Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant.*

## No Death Before the Fall

Genesis 2:16-17 (NKJV) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

## All Life Reproduce After Its Kind

Genesis 1:12,21,24 (NKJV) And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed **according to its kind**, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself **according to its kind**. And God saw that it was good...<sup>21</sup> So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, **according to their kind**, and every winged bird **according to its kind**. And God saw that it was good...<sup>24</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature **according to its kind**: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each **according to its kind**"; and it was so.

## Human Life Is Unique...Sacred

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7 (NKJV) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."<sup>27</sup> And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

**So what?** Will you examine your worldview?

"How will our political engagement change if we are not only looking for permission to express our views in the political sphere but actually hope to shape the ethos of a nation, a state, a municipality to foster a way of life that bends toward **shalom**?" (p. 25 Becoming a Pastor Theologian)

## The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into the grave. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our worldview is determined, not by what we say it is, but by what we do! Let's live out our Biblical worldview this week!



## ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, August 28, 2022

**1. FAMILY CAMP SEPTEMBER 9-11**—We have a wonderful group of our church family registered for Family Camp. There are only a couple of rooms left. Check with Pastor Jerry Ackerman (317-919-7171) if you are interested in attending Family Camp, September 9-11 in Shipshewana. Price is \$125 per person to maximum of \$299 per family...includes 2 nights lodging, huge buffet breakfasts, dinner Saturday evening.

**2. YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT 6-8PM**—Our new facility will host Youth Group each Sunday. Grades 6-12 (High School and Middle School Groups). See Pastor Jerry for more info.

**3. LADIES BIBLE STUDY** Starting September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30AM at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers). Studying the book of 1 Peter using Jen Wilkin's guide.

**4. SERVERS NEEDED**—Our new facility comes with needs for more workers to serve the Lord by serving one another. Areas of particular need:

- **Host Team**—greet our members and guests with a smile and hospitality (see Kathleen Hodnett ([khodnett1207@gmail.com](mailto:khodnett1207@gmail.com)))
- **Nursery**—serve our youngest with loving care (see Kathy Stump 317-292-7632).

**5. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE**—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.



**6. CREATION EVIDENCE EXPO—SEPTEMBER 16-18**, 7:00-9:30pm each evening held at Eagle Creek Community Church (5943 Lafayette Rd., Indpls.) The following outstanding speakers will present topics that provide the latest evidence for special creation. There is no charge for this program.

Friday, September 16 (7:00—9:30pm)

Dr. Phil Stringer: ***Follow the Science***

Dr. Jerry Bergman: ***Apes as Ancestors Debunked***

Saturday, September 17 (7:00—9:30pm)

Daniel Currier: ***God's Miniature Machines: Why Viruses Point to the Creator***

Dr. Willie Dye: ***The Architect of Creation: God's Special Creation***

Sunday, September 18 (7:00—9:30pm)

Mr. Bruce Malone: ***The Grand Illusion: A Look Behind the Curtain of Evolution***

Dr. Jay Wile: ***The Lies Evolutionists Must Tell***

**7. DONATE BIBLES** in memory of or in honor of loved ones through the Gideons. See the display on the table in the worship area.