

The Worldview Bible Study

Worldview: *A belief system that determines the way a person views himself, God, and the world he encounters and attempts to understand.*

1. Consider how the Bible contrasts the way God views and understands compared to how man views and understands.
 - a. According to Psalm 53:1-3 what do foolish people say about God when they have a wrong belief system? _____
What is the end result of this type of belief system? _____
 - b. According to Ecclesiastes 3:11 what do people have a difficult time understanding? _____
 - c. According to Jeremiah 4:22 what happens to people when they do not know God? _____
 - d. According to Romans 1:21-23 what happens to people's thinking when they do not give glory to God and thank him? _____
 - e. According to Romans 1:25 what do people exchange when they decide their worldview is better than God's? _____
 - f. According to 1 Corinthians 1:25 how do man's ways of thinking and beliefs compare even to God's foolishness? _____
 - g. According to James 3:13-17 give three characteristics of earthly wisdom and three characteristics of heavenly wisdom? _____
2. The Bible gives concise insight as to what happens to people when they embrace a worldview that comes from man rather than God.
 - a. According to Proverbs 14:12 what is the end result of relying on the worldview of men? _____
 - b. According to Proverbs 21:30 what are the wisdom and plans of man not able to do? _____
 - c. According to Acts 17:18 how did the philosophers respond when they heard the good news about Jesus? _____
What does this tell us about man's philosophies? _____
 - d. According to 1 Corinthians 2:6 what will come of the worldviews that do not rightly recognize God and his ways? _____
 - e. According to 2 Corinthians 10:2 how do some people develop their worldviews? _____
 - f. According to Colossians 2:8 what do man-centered philosophies (worldviews) rely upon? _____
 - g. According to 1 Timothy 4:1 what is the source of many of the wrong worldviews? _____

3. In order to understand how worldviews are developed, we must recognize that there are two kinds of knowledge that influence the beliefs of people. The first type of knowledge is “**revealed**” knowledge from God that people cannot discover on their own. God must show people this type of knowledge.
 - a. According to Job 12:13 who has all wisdom and knowledge? _____.
 - b. According to Daniel 3:20-22 what does God show people? _____.
 - c. According to Matthew 16:16-17 how did Peter know that Jesus was the Christ (savior)? _____.
 - d. According to John 15:15 what is Jesus willing to reveal to us? _____.
 - e. According to John 16:13 what will the Holy Spirit guide us toward understanding? _____.
What does this tell us about the source of truth? _____.
 - f. According to 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 what are the two kinds of wisdom described? _____.
What happens to people who live by the wisdom of this age? _____.
What does God want to reveal to us? _____.
 - g. According to Ephesians 1:9 what does God want to reveal to us? _____.
 - h. According to Ephesians 3:3-5 what is the very important mystery that God wants to reveal to people? _____.
 - i. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17 how does God reveal the things we need to know so that we can live the lives he wants us to live? _____.
 - j. According to 2 Peter 1:3 by knowing God what does he give us? _____.

4. Revealed knowledge from God is what every person needs in order to have the right context of life. Armed with revealed knowledge we are then able to understand “**observable**” knowledge, which is what we can learn from studying the world around us.
 - a. According to Deuteronomy 29:29 why does God allow us to learn about the things of this world? _____.
 - b. According to Romans 1:19-20 what can we study to learn more about God? _____.
List some of the areas of study this might include: _____.
 - c. According to 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 what attitude can people get when they have a lot of observable knowledge? _____.

5. When we have the revealed knowledge from God and the knowledge we learn from studying the created world then we are able to have the proper worldview.
 - a. According to Proverbs 3:5-6 what are we commanded to do and what will be the result? _____.
 - b. According to John 8:31-32 what will be the result if our worldview is created around the truth of God? _____.