

Gleanings from the Book of Proverbs: **What to Do with Your Worldview**

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:1-35

We have been looking at the Book of Proverbs, especially chapter thirty, to search for elements of a Biblical worldview – values that constitute a Christian philosophy of life. Today's lesson will expand our search to other parts of the Bible. Also, we will look at a potential outline for you to form your personal worldview. Before we do, we ask the question:

When you develop a worldview, what do you do with it?

Developing a correct worldview will not profit you unless you make good choices and act upon them. Basically, The entire Book of Proverbs is dedicated to giving us a proper view of the world and of how we are to live in this life (Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-35 cp. John 13:17; Romans 12:1-2; James 1:18-27; 2:14-26 [James is not teaching about faith plus works for justification. Rather, he is talking about the right kind of faith – faith that works will justify. See Galatians 5:6]; II Peter 1:2-11).

Search these other Scriptures and see how they will help you form your worldview and then live in conformity to it.

Genesis 1:1 – 12:3; Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 3:10-28; 8:1-4; 10:1-4.

Psalms 1:1-6; 2:1-12; 9:1-20; 10:1-18; 37:1-40; 100:1-5 (and many more psalms).

Ecclesiastes 12:1,13-14 (The whole book is valuable for worldview).

Isaiah 40:6-31; 45:16-25; 53:1-12; 55:1-13.

Hosea 6:4-6.

Micah 6:6-8.

Matthew 5:3-16; 16:13-27.

John 1:1-17; 3:16-21; 10:1-30; 14:1 – 16:33; 17:1-26.

II Corinthians 5:14-21.

Ephesians 4:17 – 6:24.

I John 2:15-17 cp. Galatians 1:3-12; 2:20; 5:13-26; 6:7-10, 14. (Consider the whole Book of I John).

Do you have a Biblical Worldview? Or do you conform to the World? (Romans 12:1-2)

What subjects might be included in a complete Worldview?

What is Truth?

- Is truth absolute or conditional / situational
- What is the source / foundation of truth? Who gets to say so?

Who / What is God?

- Is there a spiritual side to life and the world?
- How do we learn / know spiritual things?

Who / What is man?

- Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology - How do we understand ourselves and mankind?
- What is a soul? Do we have a soul? Or are we a soul?
- What is the right use of our bodies?
- What is our responsibility to our fellow man / to God?
- How do we interpret history? What is our future destiny?

Philosophy, Ethics, Values, Sin – Who determines what is right and wrong?

- What is the order of things for sexuality, marriage, and family?
- What are good work and business ethics?

Arts and Entertainment

- Why are we attracted to beauty?
- What is good / bad entertainment? Who gets to say so?
- What is good / bad culture? Who gets to say so?

Government

- Who makes the rules and enforces them?
- How much do I get involved / cooperate / not cooperate / resist?
- Should nations be sovereign? Or should the world be united politically and economically?
- What is the relationship between church and state?

What is Science – How do we gain knowledge of our physical world / universe?

- Origins – How / When / Why did life begin? (Creation or Evolution?)
- Stewardship – Are we in charge of our future? Are we accountable for our actions?

Resources for developing your worldview: <https://truthstory.org/blog/what-is-a-worldview-why-it-matters/>; or <https://truthstory.org/>; or <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/faith/the-truth-project/>