

Worldview: God vs the World

August 6, 2017

Preparation:

1. From Matthew 6:24: What masters tempt us in service to our Master
2. Recall memory verse from this week: Romans 12:2



Partial lyrics to “A Whole New World” from *Aladdin*

I can show you the world
Shining, shimmering splendid
Tell me, princess, now when did
You last let your heart decide!

A whole new world
A new fantastic point of view
No one to tell us no
Or where to go
Or say we're only dreaming

Competing “lyrics”

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Deu 11:16-17 Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them; (17) then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain, and the land will yield no fruit, and you will perish quickly off the good land that the LORD is giving you.

Pro 4:23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Rom 13:1-2 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (2) Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right

See also...The Ten Commandments

OK, that's Disney. What about Baptists?

**Quote from Brad Henry, former governor of Oklahoma 2003-2011
Member, Deacon, Sunday School teacher of First Baptist Church of Shawnee, Oklahoma
as of August 9th, 2009**

“Believe in yourself, and the rest will fall into place. Have faith in your own abilities, work hard, and there is nothing you cannot accomplish.”

Competing “quotes”

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Pro 3:7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Pro 28:26 Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

Jer 17:5-9 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. (6) He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. (7) "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. (8) He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." (9) The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Psa 118:8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

Our Hearts are with God or with the World

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 12:33-35 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. (34) You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. (35) The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

Our Hearts are influenced by fear (respect)

Consider again the influence of presuppositions: "Most people catch their presuppositions from their family and surrounding society, the way that a child catches the measles." Francis Schaeffer

We either fear men...

Num 13:25-28 At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. (26) And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. (27) And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. (28) However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.

Psa 14:1 To the choirmaster. Of David. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good

Isa 5:21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!

Pro 29:25 The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.

Question: What are some ways in which we trust man rather than God?

Or we fear God...

Isa 51:7-8 "Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings. (8) For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to all generations."

Jos 10:8 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you."

Pro 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Pro 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Pro 8:13 The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Pro 14:26-27 In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge. (27) The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.

Pro 19:23 The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

How do we change our heart?

Deu 6:5-6 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (6) And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Psa 119:155-160 Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes. (156) Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your rules. (157) Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies. (158) I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands. (159) Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love. (160) The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

Eze 36:26-27 And **I** will give you a new heart, and a new spirit **I** will put within you. And **I** will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (27) And **I** will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Conclusion

Ecc 12:13-14 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. (14) For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Psa 37:4-5 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. (5) Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

NEXT WEEK: Bringing it all together: The practical consequences of worldview

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Consider how this manifests itself in our society.
2. Memory Verse: Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death