

The Bible as Our Worldview

Follow up from last week: Memory Verse James 1:22

Introduction

Perception: 1) the state of being or processing of becoming aware of something through the senses; 2) a way of regarding, understanding, or interpreting something; a mental impression.

Through rose-colored glasses: with an attitude that things are better than they really are; with an unduly cheerful, optimistic, or favorable view of things.

“All our knowledge has its origins in our perceptions.” Leonardo da Vinci

Two ways of considering perception:

“There is no truth. There is only perception.” Gustave Flaubert

Or

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.” Proverbs 14:12

The Word of God is our direction

Proverbs 3:5-7 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. (6) In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (7) Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

God’s Word is Truth

From The Beginning...

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

To the End...

Rev 22:20-21 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (21) The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Staring at the sun without the right protection will cause permanent eye damage. But to develop a right view of the world, we must stare at the Son. And we gaze upon the Son through the protective lens of the Word of God. And we must be doers of the word – not hearers only – deceiving ourselves.

“To understand the Bible, it is essential to grasp the sweep of that history from creation to consummation. It is also crucial to keep in focus the unifying theme of Scripture. The one constant theme unfolding throughout the whole Bible is this: God for His own glory has chosen to create and gather to Himself a group of people to be the subjects of His eternal kingdom, to praise, honor, and serve Him forever and through whom He will display His wisdom, power, mercy, grace, and glory. To gather His chosen ones, God must redeem them from sin. The Bible reveals God’s plan for this redemption from its inception in eternity past to its completion in eternity future. Covenants, promises, and epochs are all secondary to the one continuous plan of redemption”. John MacArthur

From The MacArthur Bible Handbook

Old Testament

Creation of the universe

Fall of man

Judgment flood over the earth

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Israel)—fathers of the chosen nation

The history of Israel Exile in Egypt—430 years

Exodus and wilderness wanderings—40 years

Conquest of Canaan—7 years

Era of Judges—350 years

United Kingdom—Saul, David, Solomon—110 years

Divided Kingdom—Judah/Israel—350 years

Exile in Babylon—70 years

Return and rebuilding the land—140 years

Content is Broken into 5 major sections:

The Law—5 (Genesis—Deuteronomy)

History—12 (Joshua—Esther)

Wisdom—5 (Job—Song Of Solomon)

Major Prophets—5 (Isaiah—Daniel)

Minor Prophets—12 (Hosea—Malachi)

New Testament

Focuses on the person of Christ and the establishment of His church

Four gospels: His birth, His life, His death, His resurrection, His ascension

Matthew: perspective of Christ’s kingdom

Mark: perspective of Christ’s servanthood

Luke: perspective of Christ’s humanity

John: perspective of Christ’s deity

Acts: the impact of the life, death and resurrection of Christ

Epistles: written to churches and individuals to explain the significance of the person and work of Jesus Christ

Revelation: the current church age and coming judgment

Five themes throughout Scripture

1. The character of God
2. The judgment for sin and disobedience
3. The blessing for faith and obedience
4. The Lord Savior and sacrifice for sin
5. The coming kingdom and glory

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Disciple: a follower or student of a teacher, leader or philosopher

Bible Study:

Holy Bible

How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart;

Living by the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible Howard Hendricks

40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible Robert Plummer

For the Love of God's Word: an Introduction to Biblical Interpretation Andreas Kostenberger

Bible Handbook

The MacArthur Bible Handbook John MacArthur

Attributes of God

Knowing God J.I. Packer

Behold Your God video series

The Attributes of God: A.W. Pink

The Holiness of God R.C. Sproul

Application

How Should We Then Live: the Rise and Decline of Western Thought and Culture Francis Schaeffer

How Now Should We Live Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey

Principles of Conduct: Aspects of Biblical Ethics John Murray;

Let the Nations be Glad: the Supremacy of God in Missions John Piper

Above All Earthly Pow'rs: Christ in a Postmodern World David Wells

NEXT WEEK:

Introduction to Genesis

Read Genesis Chapter 1

Memory Verse: Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path

From USA Today

OREGON CITY, Ore. -- An Oregon man who burned his retina while looking at a partial eclipse, is warning people about the dangers of viewing the solar eclipse without proper eye protection.

Lou Tomososki and a friend viewed a partial eclipse outside of Marshall High School in 1962.

“The sun at that time, at 3:30 p.m., was in the one o’clock position,” said Tomososki. “I said to Roger, ‘If you stare at it long enough the brightness goes away.’”

What seemed like a silly dare at the time turned into one of the biggest mistakes of their lives. By nightfall, both Tomososki and his buddy were having vision problems.

“It doesn’t get any worse and it doesn’t get any better,” said Tomososki.

Both Tomososki and his friend, now 70 years old, have vision problems to this day.

“You know how the news people blur a license plate out,” said Tomososki. “That’s what I have on the right eye, about the size of a pea, I can’t see around that.”

A doctor later told Tomososki his retina was burned during the partial eclipse. Dr. Brandon Lujan of the Casey Eye Institute said people should not look at the sun without eye protection during the total eclipse.

“I think anytime is too much,” Lujan told KGW-TV. “Anytime looking can do damage.”