

Worldview 4 - 2 Peter 3:10-13 - Future World

Intro - Matt. 6:22-23 - "The eye is the light of the body..." Our Lord taught us that the way we view/perceive this world can be either good or bad & lets either light or darkness within us. Today we wrap up our mini-series on a Biblical Worldview. We've addressed it because polls say few Christians/pastors have it. It seems that a majority of "evangelicals" don't see this world from a biblical perspective...our eye is bad, so darkness has permeated our minds & churches. We need "good eyes" to let the light in. As Christian we are to see this world as it really is (warts and all) but we also view this world as it is promised to be. We believe in *Future World*. This world is not all there is, nor is it as it will one day be. *Review & Preview*

REVIEW

1. We live in CREATED WORLD
 - a. This world didn't just accidentally happen. It was purposefully made
 - b. It didn't/couldn't make itself. An Eternal Someone made all the somethings
 - c. We didn't evolve...we are object of special creation - made in IOG - (with purpose)
2. We live in a FALLEN WORLD
 - a. God made everything good, but things are not how they was originally created
 - b. Man brought bad into world by his rebellion. Because of our sin...world cursed
 - i. A principle of death, decay and corruption permeates our existence.
 - c. Vestiges of the good still remain...but bad things happen. (creation groans & we groan)
 - d. The IOG in us was broken/marred. Man is no longer good...born bad/defective
 - i. There is something wrong with us and our world (we all see it and feel it)
3. We live in a MORAL WORLD
 - a. There is good/bad...right/wrong...truth/lies.
 - i. The "knowledge of good evil" is imbedded in us and our existance
 - b. Internal law (conscience) Natural law (look at the birds) Written law (Bible)
 - c. God is True God is the standard for truth/good. God sets the standard
 - i. God is the transcendent authority for what is true/good
 - d. Satan's lie that "we can be as god & define our own good/evil/truth" is still swallowed
 - i. Truth set us free, but lies & lawlessness bring bondage

PREVIEW

- We should view this world as it is...but also as it is promised to be
 - Jer. 29:11 the captives in Babylon were promised a future and a hope
 - We too are captives in our corrupted bodies and broken world...
 - ...but we are promised a future and a hope
 - This world is not as it once was but nor is it how it will one day be
 - This world is due for some renovation
 - We are due for some renovation. (that perspective will let some light in)

- Renovation usually starts with some destruction 2 Peter 3:10, 12
 - You tear it all down with the plan to build it back better
 - Our Redeemer is a renovator Rev. 21:5
 - Mark 13:31-32
 - The present form of this world (and our existence in it) is going to change
 - A pagan mindset thinks that mankind can create utopia here and now
 - That is not possible for fallen man in a fallen world (peace, peace...no peace)
 - Only the Prince of Peace can bring peace and fix our broken world
 - We cannot have heaven on earth now... but one day heaven will come down
- There ought to be preparation for the renovation
 - 2 Peter 3:11 we see the renovation coming and it should affect our conduct
 - 1 John 3:2-3
 - 1 Cor. 7:29-31
 - Our view of the *future world* determines how we live in *this world*
 - Many live as though there is no tomorrow....no future
 - 1 Cor. 15:32b Matt. 6:22-23
- Heaven and earth will pass away... but are not done away
 - 2 Peter 3:13 Isaiah 65:17-18
 - Rev. 21:1-5 the new earth will be better than at the beginning
- People pass away but are not done away
 - Death is a separation & transition not an annihilation or extinction
 - Heb. 9:27 Those made in IOG will all stand before God
 - There is life after death There is a future world
- Jesus is the Redeemer who was resurrected after death Rev. 1:18
 - He redeemed His good creation that was corruptedpromised new life after death
 - He redeemed sinful people...promising new life and new bodies
 - God is so gracious in that He didn't throw away His corrupted creation
 - Redemption...Resurrection...Renovation...for this world and people in it
- Ecclesiastes 3:11b God has set eternity in our hearts
 - We will all live somewhere forever
 - There is eternal life and there is eternal death. Heaven and Hell
 - Rev. 21:5-8 Isaiah 66:22-24
- New Heaven and New Earth
 - It is being prepared by our Resurrected Redeemer John 14:1-3
 - The redeemed will be resurrected and prepared body, soul & spirit to enjoy the new creation to its fullest.
 - The meek will inherit the earth – Matt. 5:5
 - The children of God will walk with God and see Him as He is
- Hell
 - The damned will be resurrected and prepared body, soul & spirit to endure the just eternal punishment for their sins.
 - Dan. 12:2 Matt. 25:41-46 John 5:29 2 Thess. 1:7-9
- This life matters for the next life. Do you have eyes to see it? Matt. 6:22-23