

October 12th, 2025
Pastor Josh McPherson
"The Unseen Realm"

THE SUPERNATURAL:

"How to Understand the Unexplainable"

A Worldview Is:

A comprehensive framework of beliefs, assumptions, and values through which a person interprets and interacts with the world.

9 Pillars of a Christian Worldview Regarding the Supernatural:

1. God is ONE of ONE.

"In the beginning, **God created** the heavens and the earth..." -Genesis 1:1

There is GOD, & NOT GOD. There is CREATOR, & CREATED.

2. There is ONE REALITY, TWO REALMS.

"For by him all things were created, in <u>heaven and on earth</u>, <u>visible and invisible</u>, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him." -Colossians 1:16

3. The FALL Separated the Two Realms.

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience." -Ephesians 2:1-2

What was once SIGHT was LOST. What was once UNITED was SEPARATED.

4. Jesus BREACHED the Divide with His BIRTH.

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). -Matthew 1:23

5. Jesus BRIDGED the divide with His DEATH & RESURRECTION.

"...and through him to <u>reconcile to himself</u> all things, whether <u>things on earth or things in heaven</u>, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. -Colossians 1:20

6. Our PRESENT VICTORY is a SUPERNATURAL MIRACLE.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" -2nd Corinthians 5:17

7. Life on EARTH is WAR.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, <u>against the powers of this dark world</u> and <u>against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.</u>" -Ephesians 6:12



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8. We Do Not Fear the UNSEEN.

"And having <u>disarmed the powers and authorities</u>, he made a <u>public spectacle</u> of them, <u>triumphing over them by the cross.</u>" -Colossians 2:15

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." -1 John 4:4

9. Our FUTURE HOPE is the TWO REALMS REUNITED.

"Then I saw <u>a new heaven and a new earth</u>...And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. <u>He will dwell with them</u>, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.' -Revelation 21:1-4



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Discussion Questions:

Getting to Know Me

- 1. What stuck with you from the sermon?
- 2. Pastor Josh shared that many rational, normal people he knows personally have had a supernatural experience. What about you?

Into the Bible/Sermon

- 1. Do you have a favorite verse or two that helps you deal with the reality of the supernatural? In Colossians 1:16, how would you explain the difference between "invisible" and "imaginary"?
- 2. In what passages from the sermon would you look for evidence that God is not hampered by (& cannot be hindered by) anything in the seen or unseen realm?
- 3. Based on Ephesians 2:1-2, what was our condition before our salvation? Who were we following in our sinful nature?
- 4. Who is "in us" and who is "in the world?" How would you describe the contrast in power between them? [see 1 John 4:4]. Are good and evil equal and opposite forces? Why or why not?
- 5. Does your salvation count as a supernatural event? Why or why not? What about prayer?

Application

- 1. What was your main takeaway from Pastor Josh's sermon? How were you impacted/encouraged? Did you have an "ah-ha" moment or realize something for the first time?
- 2. Is there anything we need to be afraid of in the Unseen Realm? How should we as Christians respond to the reality of the Unseen Realm?