

THY KINGDOM COME #23
Developing A Biblical Worldview

Introduction

I want to continue our teaching on “Developing a Biblical Worldview” piggybacking on last week’s message...

“You Cannot Be Neutral In This War”.

We took our text something Jesus said when explaining the nature of spiritual warfare and casting out demons as a clash of 2 Kingdoms, closing His comments with a startling statement...

Matthew 12:30

He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

Jesus is preaching a principle of spiritual warfare here: when it comes to a conflict with demonic power, there can be no compromise, no concessions, no appeasement. Neutrality is not an option.

My title for tonight takes us a little deeper into the nature of the cultural warfare being waged today and expose it for what it really is...

“The Battle Between Two Religions”

The first question that comes to many minds is, ‘Which 2 religions? After all, there are so many?’ That question reminds me of another I’ve heard over the years:

“There are so many religions in the world! How do I know which one is true?”
But these questions reveal a common confusion people have about religion.

Ken Ham, “Divided Nation” Cultures in Chaos & a Conflicted Church”
Many people have the false idea that there are hundreds of religions.

But in an ultimate sense, there are actually only two: God's word and man's word.

This statement captures the essence of the biblical worldview on the subject of religion and what it really means to be religious. Let me say it this way...

Theme

Many American Christians do not realize that the intense spiritual warfare being waged for the soul America is really a *religious* war. And in the biblical worldview, there are really only 2 religions.

Theme

Every person alive is practicing one of these religions or the other. Neutrality is impossible. If we fail to found our lives on the Word of God, we will flounder our lives trusting in the word of man. If we are not actively standing with Christ in this hour, we are standing against Him.

In the biblical worldview, there is no such thing as a non-religious position.

II. Understanding The Battle Between 2 Religions

A. We Must Begin With the Definition of 'Religion'

1. Most people have a very narrow definition of 'religion', or what it means to be 'religious'; they automatically associate those terms with what people believe about God. But when you look it up, most definitions of religion make no mention of God.

"Religion"

A cause, principle, or system of beliefs held to with ardor and faith.

Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary

Notice: religion is simply faith in a system of beliefs. So, by definition, if you have a system of beliefs, and everyone does, you have a religion

"Religion"

A set of beliefs concerning the cause, nature, and purpose of the universe.

Dictionary.com

(Notice: your religion is closely connected with your *worldview*)

2. Religions are just belief systems, and Ken Ham quite properly points out that in the same way everyone has a worldview...

Ken Ham

Everyone has a religion. There is no 'non-religious position'. The standard definitions of religion would include atheism.

3. Why is this true? Follow me now. Since religion is simply a set of beliefs one holds by faith, atheism qualifies as a religion: because atheism is a system of beliefs built upon the belief that there is no God.

a. This also means that atheistic belief systems like Socialism, Marxism, and Communism would also fit within the legal definition of 'religions'.

4. We Christians are often accused of seeking to impose our religion on others. But we could rightly accuse the atheist, the Socialist, the Marxist or Communist of seeking to impose their religion onto us. They are hypocrites when they claim they are not religious.

BeliefNet.com

"I'm not religious. I'm an atheist" is a common statement today but it is at heart an oxymoron. While atheism does not look like Christianity or Islam, the two largest religions in the world, *atheism is a religion*. While it is true that atheists do not believe in God, that does not mean that they are not religious.

5. Surprise! Even the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that atheism is a religion!

The FreeDictionary.com

The Supreme Court has interpreted religion to mean a sincere and meaningful belief that occupies in the life of its possessor a place parallel to the place held by God in the lives of other persons. The religion or religious concept need not include belief in the existence of God or a supreme being to be within the scope of the First Amendment.

The FreeDictionary.com

A belief does not need to be stated in traditional terms to fall within First Amendment protection of religion. For example, Scientology—a system of beliefs that a human being is essentially a free and immortal spirit who merely inhabits a body—does not propound the existence of a supreme being, but it qualifies as a religion under the broad definition propounded by the Supreme Court.

6. How come most Christians can't recognize the implications of this? How come most Christians won't defend the Christian faith in the civil sector because it would violate the 'separation of church and state'? How come Christians can't see that surrendering the Christian religion with the culture only guarantees that another religion will be put in its place? Why don't God's people know there can be no neutrality?

a. Ken Ham blames it on a lack of proper teaching of a biblical worldview...

Ken Ham

Because of a lack of teaching, many people just don't understand that there's no neutrality and no non-religious position. As a result, they don't understand that when the Bible and prayer were removed from public schools, *it did not make our schools neutral.*

Ken Ham

When the Bible, prayer, and creationism were removed from the public education system, it was claimed that religion was removed. But in reality, Christianity was removed and replaced with the religion of secular humanism—which is atheism. Christians need to come to grips with the fact that public schools are brainwashing their children for hours every day in an anti-God religion.

7. Over the past 40 years, a countless number of Christians have stood silent on the sidelines while the religion of atheistic humanism has replaced the Christian religion as the core of educational curriculum in our country.

a. As a result, an entire generation has been evangelized by the atheists.

Ken Ham

It only takes one generation to lose a culture. We're seeing a once very 'Christianized' America on the brink of catastrophic change from the Christian worldview perspective. The younger generations, (Generation Y millennials and Generation Z), are growing up in a very different culture than my culture (baby-boomers) grew up in. The change in the culture is devastating and catastrophic from a Christian perspective.

Ken Ham

Surveys show that the younger generations are becoming increasingly more secularized and more atheistic. And as these younger generations become the dominant voting bloc in a nation, they will catastrophically change the culture from the more Christianized one of the past to a more secularized one based on autonomous man determining truth.

8. We are just now coming to feel the fallout of the religion of atheism's takeover of public education.

a. Consider the results of the Barna Research study released in 2018 asking the different generations, "revealed..."

Generation Z is the most atheistic generation in American history

b. Notice on the chart that the # of children self-identifying as atheists has doubled in one generation.

c. American parents are finally rising up against the indoctrination of their children into the Gay Agenda, another way the religion of atheism has taken over our schools. But it may be too late.

Western Journal Poll, February, 2021

The percentage of emerging voters who identify as LGBTQ is roughly 8 times higher than that of older Americans.

9. This is what happens we fail to equip God's people with a biblical worldview that answers the cultural questions of our day:

Subjects Slide

- Evolution
- Abortion
- Racism
- Transgenderism
- Gay marriage

10. What we are witnessing is what happens when we allow the religion of atheistic humanism to control the culture.

Ken Ham

If you raise up generations to believe that the Bible is not true, that the Bible is not the foundation for your thinking, and if you send them to the present ever-increasingly secular, anti-God educational system, let them be indoctrinated through the anti-God secular media, so they're being brainwashed into thinking it is man who determines truth, then ultimately 'anything goes'.

11. 'Anything goes' is what you get when generation does away with God.

Fyodor Dostoevsky

If there is no God, everything is permitted.

12. We in the older generation feel overwhelmed confronting moral issues that didn't even exist in our younger years: abortion, gay marriage, gender confusion. But the solution may be simpler than we think.

B. The Simplicity That Is In Christ

1. There's a passage from the Apostle Paul that perfectly expresses how I feel about the Body of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest

somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

a. The Apostle Paul sees himself as a jealous protector of the Church betrothed to Christ.

b. Paul compares the Church to Eve before the fall

c. His fear is that 'as the serpent deceived Eve' so the minds of God's people may be corrupted away from the 'simplicity that is in Christ'.

2. What happened in the Garden? God spoke His word. The serpent spoke a different word. These 2 conflicting words represent the same 2 religions battling it out today. The choice was simple. Who would have the authority to define good and evil or right and wrong? God or Man?

Ken Ham

The battle is over authority and it's nothing new. It began in the Garden of Eden 6,000 years ago. Really, it's a battle between two religions: God's word and man's word. These are the 2 starting points for building our worldview.

3. This is so simple yet so profound. The 2 religions are the 1 true religion based upon the Word of God and the other being a false religion, (no matter what you name it), based upon the word of man.

a. The question for us is the same as for Eve: Will we allow the serpent to corrupt our minds away from the simplicity that is in Christ?

4. Christ made complex things simple: There were TWO trees in the Garden; there was only ONE commandment.

a. There is one way to God

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

b. There are only 2 gates; 2 paths

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

(Consider the implications of the 'many' and the 'few'!)

Proverbs 16:25

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

c. There are only 2 ways to build your life: on the sand or the rock

Matthew 7:24-25

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:26-27

But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.

5. How you build your house is your 'religion'; on the sand of man's word or the rock of God's word; how you build your house is your 'worldview'. And there are only TWO ways to do it! There is no neutrality. If you are not building your house on the rock, you are building on sand. Simple!

a. The world has a way of complicating our minds; even Christians can become confused if we forget the simplicity that is in Christ.

Ronald Reagan, 10/27/64

They say the world has become too complex for simple answers. They are wrong. There are no easy answers, but there are simple answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is right.

6. It's no different today; there are no easy answers, but there are simple answers. And Christians still need the courage to do what we know is right.

Gary DeMar

America's moral and cultural crisis is the result of Christians not applying the Christian worldview to every area of life. There is no such thing as 'neutrality.' While Christians stand by and do nothing, the other side is working feverishly to implement their godless, humanistic, destructive worldview. Watching from the sidelines is not an option. Which worldview will ultimately prevail? Are you cooking the goose of the anti-Christians or are they cooking yours?

III. Close

A. Review: What Have We Said?

Review

- **We are witnessing a War Between 2 Religions**
- **There is no non-religious position; no neutrality**
- **The one true religion is based on the authority of the Word of God; the other, (no matter its name) is based on the authority of the word of man**

1. We must awaken the church to understand....

R.J. Rushdoony, "Law And Liberty"

Our basic problem today is that we have two religions in conflict; Humanism and Christianity, each with its own morality and the laws of that morality.

2. This principle of the 2 religions applies to politics; the upcoming election is a religious war for the soul of our nation; will we continue to be 'one nation under God' or will we choose to elect a government that thinks it IS God?

Ethelbert Stauffer, "Christ and the Caesars"

The roots of the ancient conflict between church and state are *religious* in nature. Where the state claims to be god walking on earth, the state will claim sovereignty and will seek to control every area of life and thought. Then a free society becomes impossible.

3. God has allowed the 'Battle Between 2 Religions' to push us to a place where it can no longer be ignored.

Gary DeMar

There is no place for the Christian to hide, claiming the conflict does not concern or affect him. Every aspect of reality must be interpreted from the perspective of man and his fallible word, or from that of God and His infallible word.

Closing Prayer

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