

Lesson 25

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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We are given the command to not love the world! What is really being said is that it is important what your worldview encompasses. Your worldview is the lens through which you see and interpret the world around you. What is the non-biblical worldview? It consists of no God. Therefore, no sin. No need for a Savior, no need for salvation, no heaven, no hell. Therefore, earth is any home. Therefore, I am here to be happy - not holy (or set apart). Therefore, my feelings run my life.

What is the biblical worldview? The biblical worldview consists of beliefs, behavior, and attitudes and we believe that there is a God, that man rejected God, therefore we had sin, therefore a need for a Savior, therefore a need for salvation, therefore we have a heaven and a hell, the earth is not our home, heaven is our home.

We should realize that it is only God who gives meaning, purpose, security, intensity in life. He is a source of all life in all dimensions.

We are not of God the Father if we do not follow His way, His life, His character.

Why is there such a presence of a non-biblical view in the world?

1. There is a lack of knowledge
2. There is outright rejection
3. *Me* is more important than *Thou*
4. Believing the lie of this world that we are the master of our own fate
5. We are shaped by our circumstances and are conformed by the world

Let's close with Romans 12:2 "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will."

Are my views and your views Christ centered?