

Supernatural Worldview

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I. Introduction

- A. Supernatural: Pertaining to, or being above or beyond what is natural, unexplainable by natural law or phenomena.

II. Worldview

- A. Worldview: The overall perspective from which we see and interpret life; a set of beliefs that define how we view the world (both in the natural and the supernatural).
- B. Everyone has their own worldview created from your life experiences.
- C. Secular Worldview: to think within a frame of reference bound by the limits of our life on earth; it is to keep one's calculations rooted in worldly criteria. (Harry Blamires, *The Christian Mind*)
- D. As Christians, our challenge is to have a Biblical Worldview. The Bible is the lens by which we see, interpret and understand the world around us.
- E. 2 Corinthians 4:18 - *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

III. The Problem

- A. We have been taught in our culture to interpret life naturalistically.
 - 1. Naturalism: The system of thought that all phenomena can be explained in terms of natural causes and laws.
- B. Because of a naturalistic interpretation there is no room for the supernatural. That is why we have trouble believing in Satan, demons, miracles, Angels, spiritual warfare and healings.
- C. Ephesians 6:12 - *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*
- D. Acts 28 1-6 - *Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. 2The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. 3Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. 4When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." 5But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. 6The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead, but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.*
- E. In today's society we would have had to have an explanation for Paul's healing, not a biblical worldview which is the supernatural hand of God.

IV. Jesus' Worldview

- A. Two Kingdoms – God's and Satan's. Satan is in charge of this world and God has control of everything else.

- B. 1 John 5:19 - *We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.*
- C. 2 Corinthians 4:4 - *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*
- D. Ephesians 2:2 - *in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.*
- E. John 15:5 - *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*
- F. 1 John 1:9 - *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*
- G. Luke 6:29 – *If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic.*
- H. Matthew 5:44 - *But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*
- I. Mark 10:43-45 - *Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

V. How to Change our Worldview

- A. Make sure there is no will problem. Make sure there is nothing in you that does not want to line up with the bible.
- B. Open ourselves up to new experiences in Christendom.
- C. Read the gospels with the understanding that you are to do what you read. Be a competitor not just a spectator. A good book to start with is Power Evangelism, Naturally Supernatural.

VI. Conclusion