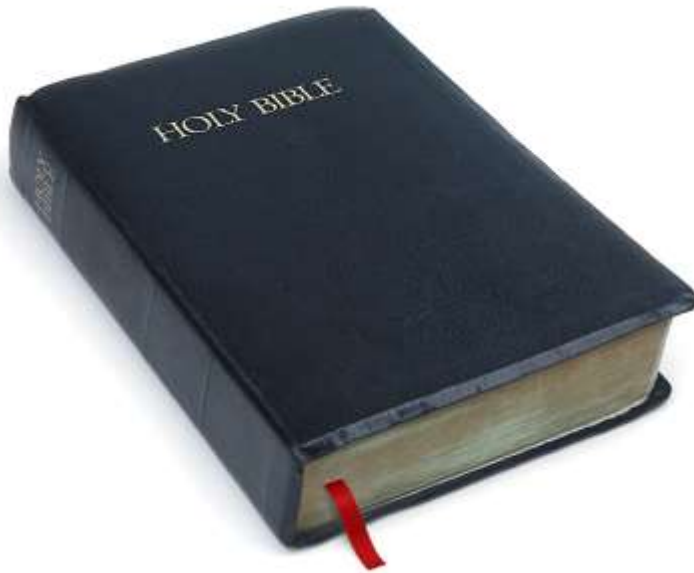


# The Bible: What's in It for Me?



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# “A Biblical Worldview”

## Worldview definition

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Merriam Webster dictionary: a comprehensive conception or apprehension [understanding] of the world especially from a specific standpoint.



# Biblical worldview – What is it?

## A. Why we exist – God's plan

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

# Biblical worldview – What is it?

## B. Why evils in the world – The 2 Trees

Genesis 2:16-17

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:1-6,

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

# Biblical worldview – What is it?

## B. Why evils in the world – The 2 Trees, continued

Genesis 3:22-24

22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"-- 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

# Biblical worldview – What is it?

C. How the world will be repaired

Personally

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**."

Globally

Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the **kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ**, and He shall reign forever and ever!"



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# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 1st commandment:

Exodus 20:2-3

2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 You shall have no other gods before Me.



Romans 3:23-24

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

2 Timothy 1:6-7

6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

*With a belief in God, we have faith in His promises and hope for the future.*

# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 2nd commandment:

Exodus 20:4-5A

4 You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.

*Keeping the second commandment, we worship properly, saving our efforts and money to help other people.*



# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 3rd commandment:

Exodus 20:7

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

*If we keep the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment, we show respect for God, and we begin to be wiser people.*

# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 4th commandment:

Exodus 20:8-10A

8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God.

Isaiah 58:13-14

13 If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*The Sabbath is a day to remind us of God, and to spend time with family and friends.*

# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 5th commandment:

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Ephesians 6:1-4

1 Children, **obey your parents in the Lord**, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." 4 And you, **fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath**, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

*Keeping the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment, we have a peaceful family life.*



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# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 6th commandment:

Exodus 20:13

You shall not murder.

1 Corinthians 13:4

**Love** suffers long and **is kind**; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

Ephesians 4:31-32

31 **Let all** bitterness, wrath, **anger**, clamor, and evil speaking **be put away from you**, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, just as God in Christ forgave you.

*Keeping the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment we don't harm people; instead we are kind to them.*

# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 7th commandment:

Exodus 20:14

You shall not commit adultery.

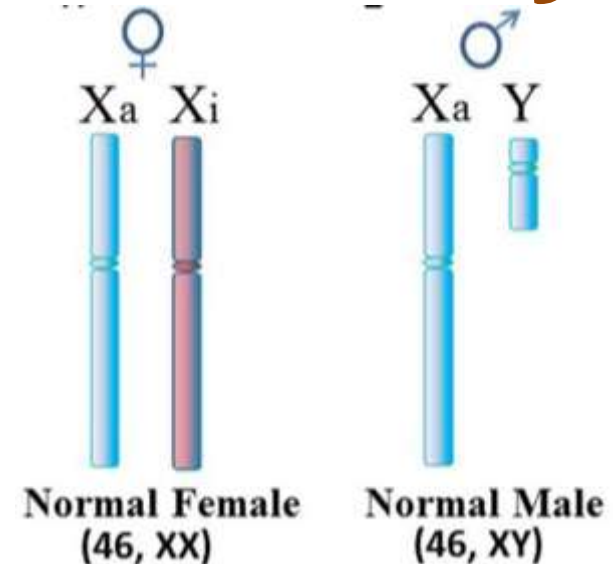
Genesis 1:27

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

*Keeping the 7<sup>th</sup> commandment avoids hurt feelings in relationships.*



# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 8th commandment:  
Exodus 20:15  
You shall not steal.

Ephesians 4:28

Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

Acts 20:35

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, **'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'**

*The 8<sup>th</sup> commandment teaches us the way of giving is better than getting.*



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# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 8th commandment, continued:

James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to **visit orphans and widows** in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Matthew 25:35-36

35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'





# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 9th commandment:

Exodus 20:16

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Matthew 12:34-36

34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For **out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks**. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. 36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

*Keeping the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment, we are trusted.*



# Benefits from the Biblical way

The 10th commandment:

Exodus 20:17

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, ... nor anything that is your neighbor's.

Luke 12:15

And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.

Philippians 4:11-13

11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned **in whatever state I am, to be content:**  
12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

*The 10<sup>th</sup> commandment shows us what is not important in life.*

# Benefits from the Biblical way

The more we live by the Bible  
the happier we will be.



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