



Outline

Lesson 1 - Veritology: What is Truth?

- I. Introduction – A Worldview Tour
 - A. Comprehensive – The worldview compass directs us to God's design in all areas of life
 - B. Systematic – Temple structure explains the foundations and framework of course topics
 - C. Purpose of tour – To gaze upon the face of God
- II. Why was Jesus Born? Why did He come into the World?
 - A. To testify to the Truth – John 18:37
 - B. Scriptural emphasis on Truth – Sanctification and salvation connection to Truth
 - C. Man's sinful nature will suppress, distort, reject, and exchange God's truth for lies
- III. The Cosmic Battle – Spirit of Truth vs. Spirit of Falsehood – Reality vs. Illusion
 - A. Scene in heaven between God and Satan - Job 1 & 2 - "Did God really say?"
 - B. Link between salvation and truth - 2 Thessalonians 2 - "...God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the spirit and the belief in the truth."
 - C. Two Fathers – John 8:44 – "You belong to your father, the devil"
 - D. Connection between sin, lies and deceit – Every sin that besets us can be traced to a belief in a lie – Our sins take us captive to the lies of the world
 - E. Dealing with outsiders - 2 Timothy 2 and Colossians 4:5-6 – They have been taken captive and we must "gently instruct them" and let our "speech be seasoned with salt"
 - F. Battle of Worldviews – Opposition between God's truth claims and the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil
- IV. What is Truth? - Truth as it relates to Reality
 - A. Webster's 1828 definition – "Conformity to fact or reality"

- B. Equating an idol to a lie - Isaiah 44 – Lies are powerful and lead us to insane notions
- C. What is Insanity? – We all suffer from "Common Insanity" - losing touch with reality
 - 1. Our actions reflect what we believe to be *really real*: Jesus' example in Matthew 6 asking "Why do you worry?...will He not care for you, O you of little faith?"
 - 2. Connecting faith with our actions and emotions: God is the object of our faith and our hope – Our actions are the most reliable indicator of our beliefs
- D. God is the ultimate source of Truth – Colossians 2:2-3
- V. Conclusion – "Do you *really* believe, that what you believe is *really real*?"