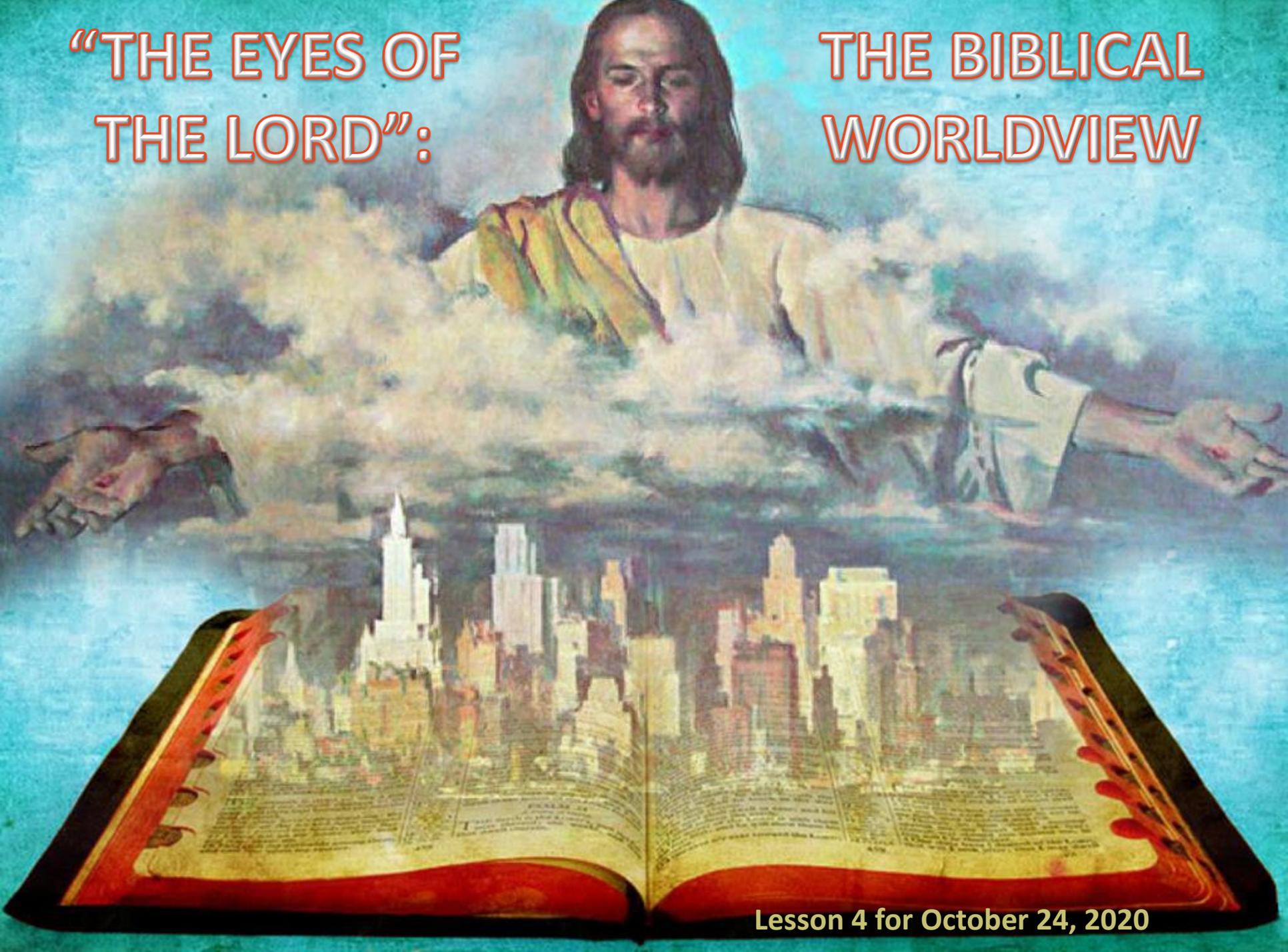


“THE EYES OF  
THE LORD”:

THE BIBLICAL  
WORLDVIEW



Lesson 4 for October 24, 2020

A worldview is the way we interpret and understand the world around us.

Our worldview affects the way we act and treat others, as well as our decisions.

The biblical worldview is based on God's existence, and that He is a personal God who interacts with His Creation.



**God's existence**



**Creation**



**The biblical doctrine**



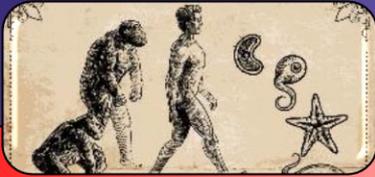
**The Plan of Redemption**



**The Law of God**

# GOD'S EXISTANCE

"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Psalm 53:1)



There are two main types  
of worldviews:



## ATHEISTIC WORLDVIEW

- The Universe and everything in it just exists
- There are no gods or other supernatural entities
- Life has no purpose or meaning, it's only subsistence

## THEISTIC WORLDVIEW

- The Universe and everything in it were created by God
- God exists and cares for His Creation
- We were created with a purpose: to live with our God forever

The Bible explains that God is a personal God who loves us and interacts with His Creation.

He is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. But He also cares for each one of us and longs for our company.



# CREATION

**"It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts." (Isaiah 45:12 NIV)**

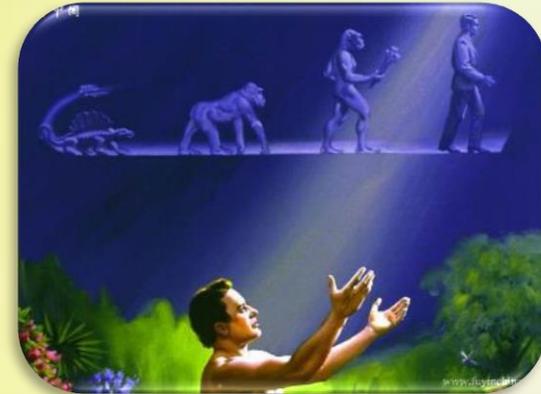


**The Bible considers two facts settled since its very first verse: God exists, and He created the Universe (Genesis 1:1).**

**The rest of the biblical truths are based on those two principles: The Law, redemption, the resurrection...**



**The biblical doctrines make no sense if we deny that God created the world in six days. The Bible cannot be true only in some of its sections.**



**In fact, Creation is one of the most repeated themes in the Bible (Gn. 14:9; Ex. 20:8-11; Eccl. 12:1; Mal. 2:10; Jn. 1:1-4; Ro. 1:25; Col. 1:6; 1P. 4:19; Rev. 5:13; 14:6-7...).**

**If we accept the concept of an evolution that took place during millions of years—either conducted by God or not—, we are denying that God inspired the Bible.**



# THE BIBLICAL DOCTRINE

The way we interpret our environment depends on our worldview.



For example, the rainbow is just a beautiful physical phenomenon for an atheist. For a believer, it's more than that; it's a reminder of God's promise, that He will not destroy the Earth with a flood again (Genesis 9:9-17).

The biblical worldview includes a series of doctrines that teach us...

- ★ how to live
- ★ how to make moral decisions
- ★ how to treat our neighbor
- ★ how to interpret the world around us
- ★ what to expect from the future

Therefore, Christian education must be based on the Bible.

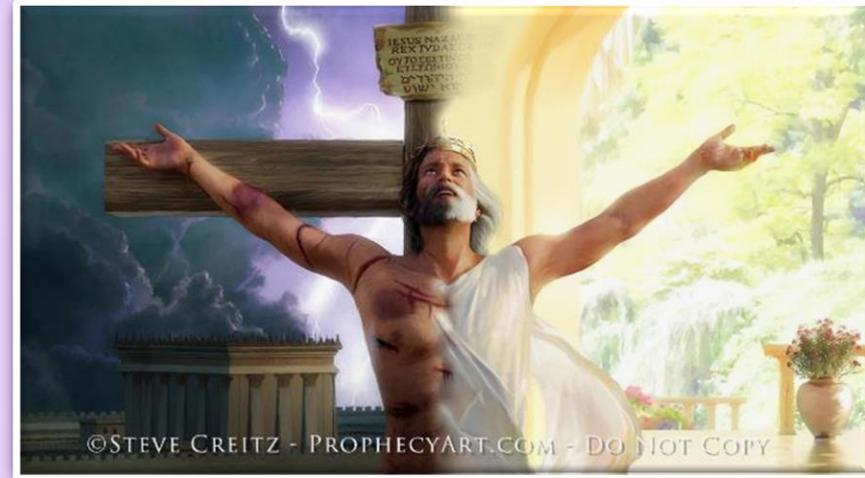
"that we should no longer be children, tossed to and for and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting." (Ephesians 4:14)



# THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION

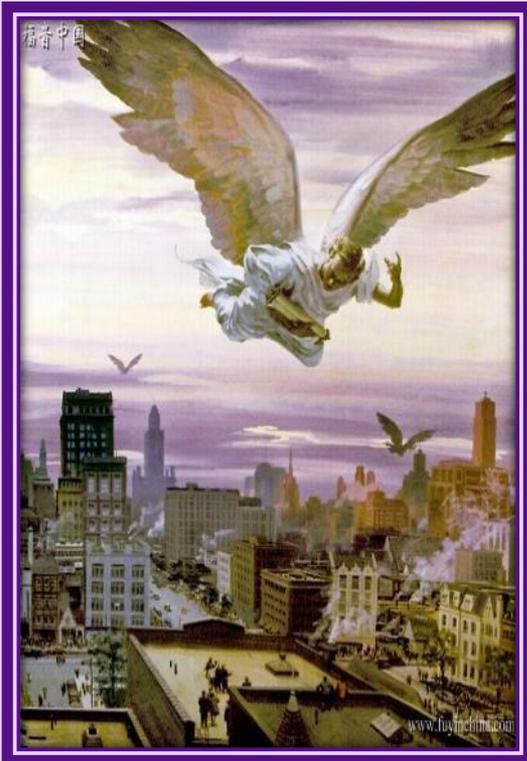
**“being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 3:24)**

**God didn't just discard His Creation when humans sinned. He had created a redeeming plan; the Creator would die to save His creatures (John 1:1-14; Mark 10:45).**



**We are called to share this “everlasting Gospel” with others. The Gospel is closely related to the Creation (Revelation 14:6-7).**

**God's Plan of Redemption was conceived before Creation. It includes the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the blessed hope of His Second Coming (1 Peter 1:18-20; Titus 2:13).**



# THE LAW OF GOD

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." (Revelation 14:12)



There is no absolute morality for the atheistic worldview. Therefore, moral decisions are relative. So it makes sense for different countries to have different laws about the moral behavior of their citizens.

However, the Bible introduces an absolute, unchangeable, eternal, and obligatory moral law that applies to all human beings: The Law of God (Exodus 20:3-17; Psalm 119:142).

The penalty for breaking it is death (Romans 3:20). This made the Plan of Redemption necessary (Romans 6:23).



This Law is based on loving and respecting God and our neighbor (Mark 12:29-31). It's the moral code that shows us what is good before God's eyes.



**“In God’s word alone we find an authentic account of creation [...]**

**In the word of God the mind finds subject for the deepest thought, the loftiest aspiration [...]** Here we behold the Majesty of heaven as He humbled Himself to become our substitute and surety to cope singlehanded with the powers of darkness and to gain the victory in our behalf. A reverent contemplation of such themes as these cannot fail to soften, purify, and ennoble the heart, and, at the same time, to inspire the mind with new strength and vigor.”