

Memory Verse

Genesis 3:7

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Thematic Overview of Genesis 1-12 - Pt 9

**Genesis 3:1-7 – False Religion,
Ungodly Worldviews, and
a Biblical Worldview**

Genesis 3:1-7 - Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” 2And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither

shall you touch it, lest you die.” 4But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and

she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

As we continue in our series, **God created** all things in **6 days**. He made **male and female**, gave them **work**, created **marriage** and everything was **very good**. In *Genesis 3*, satan possessed a serpent, *deceived* Eve and she ate the **literal fruit**, who gave to Adam, who *willingly ate*, bringing *sin and death* into the world.

A. The Origin of False Religions

In *Genesis 3*, we find the origin of **false religion**. After Adam and Eve sinned, sewed fig leaves together to **cover themselves**. This was man's attempt to cover sin and guilt by their own works! Human religion says **you** will be the authority, or a god. Man-made religion is about *works based righteousness*.

A. The Origin of False Religions

There are **many** false religions, cults to "ism's" and philosophies in the world: *Roman Catholicism, the Masonic Lodge, Scientology, Islam, Buddhism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Hinduism, Judaism,* and more all have **1 thing in common** - *you can **work your way to salvation.***

A. The Origin of False Religions

Riddle: Everyone has one. It is the basis of our thinking and affects everything we think and do. It is shaped by numerous factors. It is something internal that is expressed externally in our attitudes, decisions, and actions. It is the *foundation* for our answers to the deep questions of life.

What am I?

B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

A worldview is the *basis* by which we look at the world. It is based on what we have learned, our experiences, what we hold to as truth, what we value, and what we think is important. It is what answers the big questions in life:

B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

- Where did we come from?
- What is wrong with the world?
- Does God exist?
- If so, can God be known?
- What happens when I die?

We all ask these questions, directly or indirectly, and ***our answers are framed by and are the basis of our worldview...***



B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

1. Secular-Humanism

This is a *combination of 2 worldviews* – Secularism and Humanism. Secularism... focuses on the **immediate**, the here and now, rather than eternity. Humanism is the *focus on human beings*, summarized in the phrase, “Man is the measure of all things,” or the center of reality...

B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

2. Naturalism

This states *humans are highly evolved animals*; the universe is a *closed physical system*, and everything can be explained by *chemical or physical processes*.

1. God is **irrelevant**.

2. Progress and **evolutionary change** are inevitable.

B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

2. Naturalism

3. Man is autonomous, self-centered, and will **save himself**.

4. **Education** is the *guide to life*; intelligence and freedom guarantee *full human potential*.

5. **Science** is the ultimate provider for knowledge and morals.

B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

3. Pantheism

God is the *totality of reality* and we are *all divine by nature*. **Pantheism** says, “*all is god,*” or that *everything is mind or spirit*, not physical, and can be connected by a *spiritual or impersonal force*. Satan said Eve would *become like God*. ***Just as He is, she will be.***

B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

4. Pluralism

*Pluralism says **truth** is found in **many places**, rather than one source. All truth is God's truth, but this view says there are many paths to truth, God, salvation or enlightenment. Satan deceived Eve into believing there was **another source of truth**, other than God's word.*

B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

5. Post-Modernism

In this belief, **truth is *hidden***, so we tell stories. There is **no greater purpose, no objective truth** and **no moral standards**; “*reality*” is a *human social construction*. It is connected to the belief that there is *no objective absolute truth*, known as ***Relativism***. This states everything is *based on our personal desires and preference*.

B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

6. Marxism

Marxism and its cousin, **Socialism**, are cut from the same fabric. The foundation for both is: there are *the oppressed* and *the oppressors*. Everyone fits into these 2 categories. There are numerous ways to be oppressed and the *more categories you fit in*, the more you deserve a voice and should rise up and overthrow your oppressors.

B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

6. Marxism

Karl Marx was a writer, philosopher, and co-wrote the *Communist Manifesto* with *Friedrich Engels* in 1848. His ideas were key to *Socialism*. Marx wrote *Socialism-Communism* could only, "...be attained by the **forcible overthrow** of all existing social conditions." These include *religion, freedom, personal possessions and more*. People won't give *these over freely*, so **force** is always necessary.

B. The Origin of Ungodly Worldviews

6. Marxism

In *Genesis 3*, satan portrays **God as the oppressor** and **Eve as the oppressed**. "Did God say you can't eat of any tree in the Garden..." - God is **unfair, unjust** and **unloving**. God put **restrictions** on you! God is **oppressing** you! Therefore, rise up, take control, take your place, and **become equal with God**. That is Marxist thought.

C. The Origin of a Biblical Worldview

1. What is a Biblical Worldview?

A worldview includes our *assumptions, life experiences, what we have been taught* and the *beliefs and convictions* we hold. The question is, *is it Biblical?*

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

Creation
Corruption
Catastrophe
Confusion
Christ
Cross
Consummation



C. The Origin of a Biblical Worldview

2. How do we Develop a Biblical Worldview?

- a. Is there absolute truth?**
- b. Does God exist?**
- c. Can I know this God?**
- d. Where did we come from?**
- e. Why are we here?**

C. The Origin of a Biblical Worldview

2. How do we Develop a Biblical Worldview?

f. Why is there evil in the world?

g. What happens when I die?

h. What is sexuality?