



IronWorks: STAND YOUR GROUND
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Commandment #1: “Lord of Heaven and Earth”

There is a design God has woven into the fabric of this world, and if we violate it we cannot hope to find life. He’s given us the Law as a sort of handrail to help us back from the precipice. John Eldredge

You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3

WORLDVIEW: a set of assumptions about our world and how it works.

The foundation of a biblical worldview: **The God of the bible IS.**

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome. Deut. 10:17

How a biblical worldview touches real life (Acts 17:16-34)

1) Seeing people with compassion:

- Acts 17:16

2) Pointing to the Good News:

- Acts 17:17-21

3) Acknowledging universal and deep longings:

- Acts 17:22-23

4) Declaring reality:

- Acts 17:24-28

- The ONE: a foundational starting point, simple and comprehensive
- The MANY: a reasonable explanation of everything: cosmos, humanity, history, evil, beauty, pain

5) Inviting relationship:

- Acts 17:29-31

Table Discussion:

1. What are some of the longings of the human heart, beneath the politics and emotions, that need compassionate understanding?
2. Why all the preliminaries? Why didn't Paul just declare the Gospel and let them deal with it?
3. Where do you experience the greatest hesitancy or fear to engage in the B.L.E.S.S. process as a witness to a friend or neighbor?

B begin with prayer

L listen

E eat together

S serve or be served

S story: yours and mine