

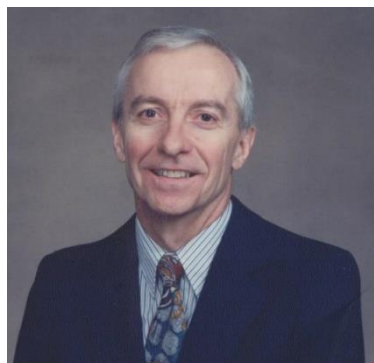
SESSION 04

Worldviews:

The Revelation, and our Knowledge about God

16 כִּי כָל־הַכְּתוּב נִכְתָּב בְּרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים גַּם־מוֹעִיל לְהוֹרֹת
17 וְלְהוֹכִיחַ וְלִישָׁר וְלִישָׁר בְּצַדִּיקָה: לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר־יִהְיֶה אִישׁ
הָאֱלֹהִים תָּמִים וּמְהִיר לְכָל־מַעֲשֵׂה טוֹב:
ד לָכֵן אֲנִי מַעֲיֵד בְּךָ נְגַד הָאֱלֹהִים וְנְגַד אֲדֹנָי יֵשׁוּעַ
הַמְּשִׁיחַ הַבָּא לְשַׁפֵּט אֶת־הַחַיִּים וְאֶת־הַמֵּתִים בְּהוֹפְעָתוֹ
2 וּבְמַלְכוּתוֹ: הִכָּרְזוּ אֶת־הַדְּבָר וְהִתְמַדּוּ בֵּין בְּעַתּוֹ בֵּין
שָׁלָא בְּעַתּוֹ הוֹכַח וְנִצֵּר וְהוֹדָהוּ בְּכָל־אַרְבָּעוֹת וְהוֹרָאָה:
3 כִּי־בֹא תָבֹא הָעֵת אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יָכִילוּ אֶת־הַלֶּקַח הַכָּרִיא
4 כִּי אִם־יָבֹאוּת נַפְשָׁם יִקְבְּצוּ קָהָם מוֹרִים לְשַׁעֲשְׂעֵי אֲזָנִים:
5 וַיִּטּוּ אֲזָנֵיהֶם מִן־הָאֱמֶת וַיִּפְּנוּ אֶל־הַהֲגָדוֹת: אֲכַל אַתָּה
הָיָה עַר בְּכָל סֶבֶל הַרְעוֹת וְעָשָׂה מִלֹּאכֶת הַמִּבְשָׁר

Instructor



Dr. Gene Haas grew up in Canada in a religious home but did not know the grace of salvation in Christ, after university, travelling in Europe for 8 months, Gene was converted to Christ at the age of twenty-two in the mountains of Switzerland. After returning to Canada, God led him to attend Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, where he earned the M.Div. and Th. M. degrees.

Returning to Canada, he was involved in a church plant, and taught at a Bible college for 4 years. During this time, he was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He moved to Toronto where he completed a doctorate in theology at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. After that, he was a Church Planting pastor for 5 years. He then accepted a position as Professor of Religion and Theology at Redeemer University, Ontario, Canada, where he taught for 28 years. He has been married for 39 years, and has two sons, and grandchildren.

Since his retirement from teaching at Redeemer University, he has been busy with research and writing, as well as frequent preaching at a variety of churches. He is also Chairman of the committee of the Eastern Canada Presbytery which guides and examines all candidates for the pastoral ministry. He has a deep passion for instructing candidates in the Bible and in theology, and for relating the Christian faith to contemporary issues of North American culture, especially in the area of ethics.

Goals

In this course we aim to make theology accessible to you. You will discover what relevance has theology to you in your personal walk with Jesus and in your ministry regardless of whether it is public or private.

In this session we will come back to some themes we visited in the earlier lectures in more depth, and explore some topics that flow out of them, especially, the ways God reveals Himself.

Sessions Overview

1. Introduction: What is theology?
2. Introductory topics – part 1
3. Introductory topics – part 2
4. **Worldviews: the revelation, and our knowledge about God**
5. The doctrine of Holy Scripture – part 1
6. The doctrine of Holy Scripture – part 2

7. Inspiration of Scripture
8. The scope, authority, and clarity of the Bible
9. The canon and the text of the Bible
10. Principles of biblical interpretation

Session Summary

This video answers the question what a worldview is, explores some common worldviews, and then compares it to the biblical worldview. Consequentially, Dr. Haas explores the challenges in knowing God, and God's solutions to it.

Fill in the Blanks

1. Worldview is a comprehensive account of world history that claims to be _____ for _____.
2. True or false: Every culture has basically the same or similar worldview as other cultures.
3. On a piece of paper, answer the four questions that define worldview about your own worldview. Try to write not more than two sentences for each answer, forcing yourself to be concise and clear. You may find this a challenging task if you do it for the first time. Take as many days as you need to meditate about this but be short in your answer. This will help you learn to be more sensitive to other's worldviews.
 - a. Where am I?
 - b. Who am I?
 - c. What's wrong with the world and us humans?
 - d. What is the solution to what is wrong?
4. Name some common worldviews

5. According to the teaching in this video, what are the three biblical basic worldview assumptions for doing theology?
 - a. _____

 - b. _____

c. _____

6. Compare your own understanding of the worldview of the Bible with those described in this video: What do you agree with already, and what description of the biblical worldview in this video has challenged you. Discuss this with your teacher or in a group. Try to reconcile the various positions by listening patiently to others and finding reasoning from Scripture. Remember not to break the bond of peace while discussing.
7. Humans are finite and don't see the whole reality through the eye of God. To help us in this, God gave us the Bible which is His _____.
8. Through the Bible we can see the world _____ (have a _____ worldview).