

**I. Introduction – World Tour**

- a. Comprehensive – The worldview compass directs us to God’s design in areas of life & reality.
- b. Systematic – the 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 Jesus come into the World?**

- a. To testify to the Truth – John 18:37
- b. Scriptural emphasis on Truth – Salvation and sanctification are connected 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 2:13 – “... 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, deceit – Every sin that ensnares us can be traced to the belief of a lie. We are taken captive by lies of the world.
- e. Dealing with unbelievers – 2 Timothy 2 & 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 – Oppositions 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 – “Conforms 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.
  - i. 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?”
  - ii. 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?”**