

THE DELIGHTFULLY SWEET & PRACTICAL BENEFITS OF BIBLICAL WISDOM

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“Every individual bases his thoughts, decisions and actions on a worldview. A person may not be able to identify his worldview, and it may lack consistency, but his most basic assumption about the origin of life, purpose, and the future guarantee adherence to some system of thought.” — *David Noebel, Understanding the Times*, 1

I. BIBLICAL WISDOM AND ITS SOURCE- 119:98-100

“In a complex society increasingly skeptical about claims related to absolute truth and indisputable facts, it’s increasingly hard to use the Bible to support anything without coming across as biased and prejudiced. But there is a simple solution: start replacing the term ‘biblical’ with the term ‘Christlike,’ because while the Bible can be manipulated to say and mean almost anything, the words, actions, and life of Jesus aren’t as pliable.” — *Stephen Mattson, Sojourners, “Not Everything ‘Biblical’ Is Christlike”*

- *Your commandments*
- *Your testimonies*
- *Your precepts*

“The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience, although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and his will which is necessary unto salvation.” — *London Baptist Confession of Faith, 1689 I:1*

“Ethical values are derived from human need and interest as tested by experience. Humanists ground values in human welfare shaped by human circumstances, interests, and concerns and extended to the global ecosystem and beyond. We are committed to treating each person as having inherent

worth and dignity, and to making informed choices in a context of freedom consonant with responsibility.”—*Humanist Manifesto III*

“Abort it and try again. It would be immoral to bring it into the world if you have the choice.”—*Richard Dawkins*, Twitter, 20 August 2014 on an unborn baby with Down Syndrome

II. BIBLICAL WISDOM IS OUTSIDE HUMAN ORIGINALITY

- *my enemies*
- *my teachers*
- *the aged*

III. BIBLICAL WISDOM IS ACCESSIBLE TO HUMANS THROUGH DIVINE INTERVENTION

“RESOLVED, That critical race theory and intersectionality should only be employed as analytical tools subordinate to Scripture—not as transcendent ideological frameworks;” —*Resolution 9*, “On Critical Race Theory And Intersectionality,” approved in 2019

CONCLUSION AND APPLICATION

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- Realize the importance of and devote the attention to *the source of Biblical wisdom*.
- Remember that biblical wisdom is outside human originality and as such most forms of thought are antithetical to biblical wisdom.
- Read and study the Bible, through the divine enablement of the Holy Spirit, in order to live in biblical wisdom.