

Foundations – Pillar #1 – God

“Faith is not just a personal matter but a framework for all of life.”

Worldview as “The conceptual lens through which we see, understand, and interpret the world and our place within it.”

Matthew 6:22, Jesus said, “...if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.”

Jeremiah 9:1 Oh that my head were waters and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Jeremiah 9:3 They bend their tongue *like* their bow; lies and not truth prevail in the land; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know Me,” declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 9:5-6 Everyone deceives his neighbor and does not speak the truth, they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves committing iniquity. Your dwelling is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know Me,” declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says the Lord, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; 24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD.

1. Nothing is more important than knowing God.

Jeremiah 9:24 ...but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me...

- What is eternal life? “
- John 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

- **Seek to understand God**

- “He understands and knows Me...”

- **Seek to experience God.**

- Knowing God is a relationship.

2. Nothing is more enlightening than to see God work.

Jeremiah 9:24 “...but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things.”

- What does God do?

- **God always acts with grace and mercy.**

Jeremiah 9:24 ...that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness...

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

- **God always demonstrates justice.**

Jeremiah 9:24 ...that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice...

- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/justice/>

- **God always does the right thing.**

Jeremiah 9:24 ...that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth

Romans 11:22 "Behold the kindness and severity of God."

3. **Nothing is more thrilling than to please God.**

Jeremiah 9:24 ...but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

- **My goal is God's glory.**

- The glory of God is the beauty of God that emanates from His character.

- Exodus 33:18-19 Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" 19 And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."

- How does that goal change the way you live, how you speak, what you do?

- **My goal is God's delight.**

1 Samuel 15:22; Psalm 104:31; Psalm 149:4; Zephaniah 3:17; Psalm 147:11; Proverbs 11:1; Proverbs 11:20; Proverbs 12:22; Proverbs 15:8; Jeremiah 9:24; Micah 7:18; Matthew 3:17

1 Corinthians 3:11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Matthew 7:24-27

Further Thought:

- What will you do to understand and experience God this week?
- How have you seen God working in your life and in the world? How can you heighten your awareness of God's activity this week?
- What steps will you take this week to bring God glory and delight?