

The Christian Worldview Transcript

Date: May 22, 2010

Host: David Wheaton

Topic: Satan and the Invisible War

Guest: Dr. Steven Lawson

DAVID WHEATON: Satan and the Invisible War. Dr. Steven Lawson joins us today on The Christian Worldview where the mission is to think biblically about all matters of life and faith so that we can then live accordingly. And to share the Good News that Jesus Christ is who He claimed to be, the Way, the Truth and the Life and that His Word is both relevant and our basis for living in this modern world. I am David Wheaton, the host of The Christian Worldview. Our official website is TheChristianWorldview.com.

Our National Presenting Sponsor is Summit Ministries, the very best in Christian worldview resources, conferences and curricula. Their website is Summit.org. We are also supported by two other national sponsors, The Masters College and The S. Lewis Johnson Institute and listeners like you.

There is a lot to get to today with this topic, Satan and the Invisible War. Here is my interview with Dr. Steven Lawson.

DAVID: Dr. Lawson you gave a message recently at the Shepherd's Conference at John MacArthur's church in Los Angeles about the invisible war taken from Job Chapters 1 and 2. It is about how Satan comes in the presence of God and there is this heavenly conflict as we see where God says to Satan, have you considered My servant Job? God allows Satan to test Job greatly. We don't see this often in Scripture. You mentioned it in that message, Dr. Lawson, that Satan's voice is only heard three times in Scripture, in the Garden of Eden with Eve, in the book of Job, as we will discuss today and also with the temptations of Christ in the New Testament. A lot of people listening today, their first question is when you hear people talking about Satan or the devil, they are doubtful. They say, well he doesn't really exist. What evidence, Dr. Lawson, most compels you that a literal devil exists, that seeks to destroy the souls of men?

DR. STEVEN LAWSON: The first evidence is the fact that Scripture sets forth a real devil from Genesis 3 to the book of Revelation. The entirety of Scripture speaks with one voice and presents the united front that both Old and New Testament that there is a real devil. He is a fallen angel. He was originally Lucifer, the highest of all of the angels, the most stunningly brilliant and gifted. He sought to elevate himself above the throne of God and orchestrated a coup to try to take over the throne of God. Of course, such is impossible and he was cast down to the earth. He is now the god of this age and the prince of this world. The Word of God unmistakably speaks with great clarity that there is a real, fallen spirit, a real, fallen angel who is Satan, who is the devil himself.

Second, we can look at the world around us and see the effects of Satan's activity everywhere. This is a very evil world filled with all kinds of atrocities that go way beyond just what mere man would conceive. Even the world in which we live, the evil of society points to the presence of a real devil.

DAVID: When did Satan rebel against God and fall with one-third of the angels from heaven? This is something that is maybe unknown, Dr. Lawson or do we know? Did this happen in the first six days of creation or was there a gap in there? How did that work?

DR. LAWSON: I don't know that we can pinpoint exactly, obviously after creation because Satan himself is a created being and there he is in Genesis 3. Job 38:7 gives us the only small crack in the door as we read about the angels being present at the time of creation. The morning stars sang together at the time when God created the earth and the world in which we live. Just at the very dawn of creation, I think that is good enough because he certainly is present in Genesis 3 and I think that occurred so quickly after Adam and Eve were made. From the very beginning, David, there has been a devil loose here on the earth creating great havoc against God.

DAVID: How is it as we see in the book of Job in Chapter 1, as it says, Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord and Satan also came among them. How is it that after this time of falling, this rebellion, he still seems to have access to the presence of God? How do you explain that?

DR. LAWSON: That is a tough one. It is one of those that we just have to read the Bible and take it by faith. Because we read that God is an infinitely, holy God and cannot fellowship with sin, nor with sinners. The only way that you and I can even have fellowship with God is through the perfection of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. So how Satan can continue to come before the throne of God and there be the accuser of the brethren, I do not know the answer to that. I do not know that anyone knows the answer to that, but there it is in Job, chapter one. When we come to Revelation 12:9-10 we read there that he of the accuser of the brethren day and night. So this is not a mere isolated appearance that Satan would have before the throne of God. It is ongoing; it is continual. There is the constant vigilance of the devil in seeking to bring us down before God.

DAVID: When we say we are being attacked by Satan, is it him specifically and personally or does he use his emissaries, the third of the angels, the demons who fell to do his work?

DR. LAWSON: Certainly. I am going to say that for most of us, if not virtually all of us, we wrestle against his demon forces. Satan can only be in one place at one time. He is confined spatially to one place and he will take up his cause against those who are most strategic. We could say in World War II that a foot soldier from Kansas who went to Europe and fought against Hitler, well he probably did not do hand to hand combat with Hitler, in fact I am sure that he didn't, but he did against German soldiers. In that sense, we do combat against Satan in that we wrestle with principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places as Ephesians 6 describes it.

The kingdom of darkness is very well arranged and orchestrated. There are levels and layers of demonic beings that comprise the hierarchy of the kingdom of darkness. There are demons over other demons. There are demons that are specialized in their attacks in certain areas. Some traffic in political entities and movements and become the power behind the throne of certain kingdoms. There are all different types of activities that various demons undertake.

DAVID: You are listening to Dr. Steven Lawson today on The Christian Worldview radio program. He is the Senior Pastor of Christ Fellowship Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama, the author of many books. He is the host of the Expositors Conference coming up this September 27 and 28. You can find out more about that at ExpositorsConference.org. Dr. R.C. Sproul will be joining Dr. Lawson this year preaching at the Expositors Conference. I went last year and greatly, greatly enjoyed it.

You said in your message at the Shepherds Conference, Dr. Lawson, about the invisible war from Job chapters 1 and 2, you say, on the surface, Job is an unlikely candidate for this kind of attack yet Job's godliness and the blessings that he had in his life made him even more of a target, how so?

DR. LAWSON: We are most vulnerable at times when we are in the midst of prosperity. When everything is going well in our lives, we lose the sense of dependence upon God. With Job, we read that he was the most God-fearing man on the face of the earth. He was very strategic because he was a man of great possessions, of great wealth and many assets to his credit. To bring Job down would be quite a triumph for Satan. No doubt he was the spiritual leader, not only in his home but also in that part of the country. I am sure that for those reasons, to bring down Job would be quite a notch for the devil to have in his belt. But I would remind you that it is actually God who initiated Job's name into this conflict. It is God who said, "Have you considered my servant Job, for there is no one like him on the earth?" So Job really became almost a part of a wager between God and Satan. God saying that Job will serve Me even if his possessions are removed from him. So, I think the application in our lives becomes very obvious and clear. I spoke of those in ministry and those who are really out in the front line of the spiritual warfare, at least those who are upholding the word of God and preaching Christ and Him crucified. They could certainly expect to become a lightning rod in the storm and draw the fire of the enemy.

DAVID: Dr. Lawson, how do we know when we are being attacked by Satan or his demons and what is his typical strategy? You went over this somewhat in the message saying, Satan uses a predictable means of attack; what is that?

DR. LAWSON: I think there are multiple means of attack. I think we all have different chinks in our armor, different Achilles heel, if you will, different places where we are most vulnerable for his attack. I don't think that it is necessarily the same for each one of us. Satan is very shrew and very sinister. He is not omniscient; he nevertheless is diabolically brilliant and will attack us at those places where we are most vulnerable. As we read in Genesis 3, it really began with casting doubts upon the goodness of God and casting doubt upon the word of God and undermining the credibility and the voracity and the authority of the word of God in the mind of Eve. He does that with us as well. I think that is the point of departure quite frankly for any denomination or any seminary or any Bible College. That is where Satan establishes a beachhead first by causing a church or group of churches or institutions to compromise their commitment to the inerrancy and the infallibility of the word of God. Satan is always saying, that God said. Then actually assaulting the word of God by saying that, you will not die in the day that you eat of that fruit.

He is in the business of undermining the testimony of the word of God, but also casting doubt on the goodness of God. If you think about it, Eve lived in a perfect world; she lived in paradise. She had everything given to her and it came from the hand of a merciful God. There was only one tree on the planet earth from which she was forbidden to eat, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. That was the goodness of God that said do not eat from that tree because there would be harm that would come to her if she ate from that tree. Almost like a parent telling a child, don't put your hand in the light socket or don't put your hand on the hot stove. That is a good thing for a parent to say to a child. That is what God said to Adam and Eve. That became the very target, the very point of attack that Satan made and he is still doing that today as well.

(break)

DAVID: If you just joined us, we are speaking with Dr. Steven Lawson today, the Pastor of Christ Fellowship Church in Mobile, Alabama and also the host of the upcoming Expositors Conference this September. ExpositorsConference.org is the website. Lets get straight back to Dr. Steven Lawson as he talks about Satan and the Invisible War.

Dr. Lawson, you often hear in Christian circles, statements like when Satan or his demons attack us we need to rebuke him or command him to leave. There was a popular book some time ago called, *The Bondage Breaker*, how we can fight back and command Satan to flee. What can Christians do; what do we have the power to do when we are being attacked by Satan or his demons?

DR. LAWSON: We are told to put on the full armor of God. Ephesians 6 talks about that, so we should put on every piece of the armor and become very familiar with each of those pieces. William Gurnall, a great Puritan, from years ago, wrote an outstanding book called *The Christian in Complete Armour*. Charles Spurgeon has said that it was virtually his bible reading that book. We need to make sure each piece of the armor is on.

Also, we see our Lord when He was attacked, in Luke 4 and Matthew 4, how Jesus Himself used the word of God to repel and resist every advance by the devil. I think that by example shows us the path of victory. If we care to walk as He walked, then we should war as He warred. Use the word of God with great, specific sword-thrust, if you will in resisting the devil. In other words, matching up the appropriate Scripture with the temptation that is facing us. I think it is pointless to talk to the devil or to try to rebuke the devil. He doesn't listen to us. We have no inherent power in and of ourselves over the devil. We are simply told to resist the devil and he will flee from you. We must be strong in the grace that is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are several precautionary steps that we can take, that any good Christian can take, even such as maintaining close fellowship with other believers. The Puritans used to say that Satan always picks off the ship that is sailing without a convoy, the ship that is by itself, isolated, alone, without the protection of other ships around it. I think when we try to live the Christian life disconnected to the local church and disconnected from Christian fellowship, we become prone to over-exaggeration in the Christian life. We become easily discouraged and there is strength with fellowshiping with other believers. Just being under Bible preaching and Bible teaching fortifies our faith and makes us strong and reminds us that greater is He who is in you that he who is in the world. We are to be strong and courageous as God said to Joshua, but we must be under strong, biblical exposition that enables us to resist in the evil day. Prayer is certainly a key as well. Having a

place of ministry and service where we are actively engaged in serving the Lord, I think is part of being strong in the Lord, exercising our spiritual muscle.

Those are just some of the things that we can do. I think that it is the tallest tree in the forest that draws the lightning and the taller we stand for the Lord, we can expect to receive persecution and trials at times and catch flack for our faith, but that is good. Martin Luther said, I want my name to be as well known in Hell as it is in Heaven. We need men and women like this who want to be dangerous in this world and whose lives will have great impact for the cause of Christ and will be shining lights in a dark world that will provoke and arouse the kingdom of darkness.

It is not like we are trying to hide and sit this out. What time we have here on this earth, we want to be on the front lines. We want God using us. Remember that the full armor of God is the full sufficiency of Christ Himself, the full sufficiency of the Word of God and the Spirit of God. We have more than adequate resources and weaponry. We have the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. It is a very offensive weapon. We see when Christ used the sword of the Spirit, when He was tempted, how the devil had to withdraw until another opportune time.

DAVID: Amen to everything you said there Dr. Lawson. I just love that answer. Why does God allow this kind of catastrophe? You mentioned that God actually initiated the conversation with Satan, have you considered My servant Job? You said that God is in total control of Satan. Martin Luther, in your message said, the devil is God's devil. Why does God allow this sort of horrific catastrophe? Job lost all of his servants, his livestock, his wealth and of course, even most painfully, lost all of his children. Ten children were taken in this thing and you just wonder this seems overwhelming; why does God even allow that?

DR. LAWSON: It is for the greater glory of His own name. Everything does not revolve around us. Everything is not for our comfort and our pampering and for our indulgence here upon the earth. This is a planet in which spiritual warfare is very real. It is a cause for God's glory because God is able to demonstrate the supremacy and superiority of His power over Satan, of His wisdom over the insanity of the devil. No team can know how good it is until it faces another opponent. In that same way, God's greatness is put on display by absolutely routing the forces of Hell. So Satan plays his part as really being a part of a black velvet backdrop that causes the diamond of God's grace and God's glory to shine all the more brightly. There is a sense in which we would never know how strong God is unless he have an opponent. We would never know how wise he is except there be Satan's way that leads to destruction. It is the presence of evil and sin that causes God's grace and love in the gospel to burst forth even more with greater radiance and splendor. Even sin and evil have its place in enhancing the manifestation of the greatness and the grandeur and the glory of God.

DAVID: Should we try to know the purpose of when these really, really difficult bad things happen to us? Lets say someone out the blue, a Christian living their life, going along, four kids in their mid-40s, all of a sudden gets terminal, stage 4 cancer, loses a job, loses a child. You said in your message at the Shepherds Conference, the Invisible War, from Job 1 and 2, Job didn't have to understand why, he understood who. That is a really difficult attitude to have because we always want to know why. What is the purpose of it? What should be our response as far as trying to seek to know the purpose or not?

DR. LAWSON: I think personally, even if God tried to explain it to us, we would not be able to fully understand. That is like trying to pour the Atlantic Ocean into a Dixie cup. For God to give us in-depth explanation to all He is doing in the universe, that is beyond our comprehension, those lines intersect far above our head. The fact is, there is suffering in the world for several different reasons and Satan is only one of those. There is suffering in the world also because of what Adam did and we live in a fallen world because of Adam's original sin. We suffer sometimes also because of our own wrong choices that have been prompted by the flesh. Sometimes we suffer because of other people's wrong choices. Sometimes we suffer because of God's direct discipline in our life; it is disciplinary. The case with Job, he is blameless, upright, fearing the Lord, turning way from evil. This is obviously not disciplinary. This is not chastening. Job can't see what is going on in Heaven, on the other side of the veil. There is an element in which we must search our hearts when we go through a time of suffering and ask God is this a discipline? If so, convict me by Your Spirit so that I can confess it and repent of it. If that is not the case, it calls for humble submission on our part, to humble ourselves beneath the mighty hand of God that He might exalt us at the proper time. It is interesting, the very next verse says, your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour, 1 Peter 5:6-7.

I don't know if we can always pinpoint why, which is why we must come to rest in the who, God Himself, to trust in the sovereignty of God. Spurgeon said that the sovereignty of God is the pillow on which he rested his head at night. So we must come to rest in the sovereignty of God ultimately as well.

(break)

DAVID: Last question on this issue of the invisible war from your message at the Shepherds Conference back in March. Is God less concerned with physical than we are Dr. Lawson? I mean that by saying, ten children of Job were taken just like that for God's purposes. When we think of someone dying as human beings, we think that is the worst thing ever. Is God a little less concerned with actually whether we live or we die? Is there another focus that He has beyond that?

DR. LAWSON: I think we need to step back and see the big picture. Before we ever entered this world, all the days that we would live upon this earth had already been pre-determined by God. That number of days is the perfect number of days. Psalm 139:16 says all of our days were written in this book when as yet there was not one of them. If you don't believe that, you are just going to go crazy. You will go insane as you face death with your family and your loved ones. My father passed away a year and a half ago, two years ago and if I did not believe that there was a precise number of days that God had appointed and fore-ordained for my father to be alive on the earth, then whenever that time comes, there is not way you can accept death. But if you believe in the sovereignty of God, that God has appointed the day of our entrance into this world, the time we would be born as well as the time of our death, then we can go through the valley of the shadow of death and fear no evil and have the peace of God even in the midst of tears.

As I see Job's children, their lives being taken, Job understood the sovereignty of God, didn't he? His response was the Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord. So he understood that his children were a gift, were on loan to him from God. The day would come when God would call that loan in and that Job, if he should outlive his children, would have to give them back up to the Lord one day in death. That day and those number of days is the perfectly apportioned number of days pre-scripted by a sovereign God and eternity passed. I think that has to be the firm foundation upon which we stand. For the parent who loses a child in a car accident, for the parent who loses a child overseas to serve our country in Iraq, for the parent that loses a child at delivery there has to be a confidence in the sovereignty of God. It doesn't take away the tears, but it enables us to remain strong and to have a peace that surpasses all comprehension.

So as Job underwent that enormous loss, I cannot even imagine the pain of that, nevertheless there were the pillars of faith in his life that upheld him that the Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Then the right response, blessed be the name of the Lord. Not blaspheming the name of the Lord, but blessed be the name of the Lord.

I think we all must live at that point of faith where Job lived. Unfortunately many Christians live under the tyranny of the sovereignty of Satan. But the fact is, there is only one sovereign in this universe and that is God Himself. Even the devil exists within the parameters that God has established. We see that in Job 1. God is the one who is granting the permission for Satan to attack Job and God is the one who had put up the hedge around Job and God is the one who removed the hedge and defined the limits the devil could go. He could not put his hand upon Job. In Job 2, God moves the fence out even more and gives him access to then attack Job's physical body. All of this is under the sovereignty of God, by divine permission.

DAVID: That is exactly right. I think the messages was so good, the invisible war. In case any of our listeners want to hear this message, they can go to the Shepherds Conference website ShepherdsConference.org. You can search for the message given on the Friday morning of the Shepherds Conference by Dr. Steven Lawson, the Invisible War.

Dr. Lawson let's just switch over in our remaining moments to your upcoming Expositors Conference which takes place this September 27 and 28. The website is ExpositorsConference.org. Dr. R.C. Sproul is coming down to the conference this year, obviously a hugely popular preacher in our time. What is going to be the theme of the Expositors Conference this year?

DR. LAWSON: We are going for the highest mountain peak. We are climbing Mount Everest at this year's conference. We will not be in the low lands, nor mid-way up the mountain range. We are going all the way to the summit. We are going to address the subject of the glory of God in preaching. There is not subject higher than the glory of God. Dr. R.C. Sproul, who in my estimation along with John MacArthur, are really the two patriarchs in the body of Christ right now, the two gatekeepers. Dr. Sproul years ago wrote a book called *The Holiness of God*. I remember when I read that book it just rocked my world. He will be speaking on preaching the holiness of God and preaching the wrath of God. We will also have a Q and A with Dr. R.C. Sproul as well. I think more than any other individual in this generation, R.C. Sproul has been used by God to bring about a resurgence of reformed theology, taking it out of the ivory tower of the classroom and bringing it down to the pew where people live. I would really urge everyone to come and take advantage of what could be a once in a lifetime opportunity. Also when you go to say a Ligonier's Conference, there may be 5000 – 7000 people. You can hardly even see Dr. Sproul unless you are looking at the screen overhead and see a video extension, but to come to our conference, it will be a much smaller conference. It allows for much greater access to Dr. Sproul and to be able to be up close and near to him as he is ministering the word to us.

DAVID: I can attest to that having gone to the Expositors Conference last year. You are right; it is much more of an intimate setting at your church, Christ Fellowship Baptist down in Mobile. We really enjoyed coming down last year. Of course the preaching was great, but interacting with you and Dr. Beeke and the other pastors who came and regular people who go to churches who came as well. I would really highly encourage people to consider this two-day conference, the Expositors Conference. We came in on Saturday night, heard you preach on Sunday, which was great, went to Sunday morning service at your church and then attended the conference on Monday and Tuesday. That was a nice series of time down there in Mobile.

Recently, Dr. Lawson, there has been a lot of controversy over John Piper's invitation to Rick Warren to speak at John Piper's Desiring God National Conference here in Minneapolis coming this fall. What is your response to that particular invitation? Part B of the question is, you are constantly being asked either to share platforms with people who you may not totally agree with doctrinally, theologically, what is your standard on either inviting those to come to your conferences to speak or speaking at other conferences where other preachers may not be totally in line with what you believe scripturally?

DR. LAWSON: Well I think that when you host a conference and you invite other speakers to come, you are by and large endorsing that speaker, who they are and what they are and in large measure what they believe or you would not ask them to step into your pulpit and be presented to your conference. You are putting your arm around that person and saying I want you to hear this person because what he says is in alignment with this conference. Obviously there is room for diversity on secondary matters, but on primary matters I think at a conference, the speakers really should speak with one voice. I have the highest respect for Dr. Piper. I have shared the pulpit with him before. I have had the privilege of meeting him. I own everything that he has ever written. I have been greatly benefited and blessed by the gifted pen of Dr. Piper. I love his passion in preaching, his high view of God, etc. I think there is a little bit of a shock jock in Dr. Piper meaning he enjoys being provocative and enjoys shaking things up. I think that is a part of his style of communication and who he is. I don't know that is necessarily wrong. I think our preaching should be provocative. As far as some of the people that he has invited, I think some of those have been controversial choices. I think with Rick Warren this year, that is another controversial choice.

(break)

DAVID: Before we took this last break, Pastor Lawson was in the middle of his answer on a touchy little question regarding John Piper inviting Rick Warren to his Desiring God National Conference this fall. Here is the rest of Pastor Lawson's answer.

DR. LAWSON: I think Rick Warren is a brother in Christ. I think God has used him, so I don't think Rick Warren is the enemy. I think that he has a different level of ministry and if I could say anything to Rick Warren and I have interacted with him with e-mails before, I have communicated with him. It is not what he says; it is what he doesn't say that is problematic for me. I wish he would go further in what he says. I wish there was more of a certain emphasis. I don't think that he preaches heresy. I don't think that he corrupts the gospel. I think by and large, he speaks truth but I wish there was more truth that was flowing, more exposition, deeper exposition, more doctrine, more truth. That is what I would long for with him. If he were sitting here I would

challenge him with that to go yet further in his exposure of the truth. Obviously it has been a controversial choice that Dr. Piper has made and that lies with him. It is certainly not my conference and I have never had the privilege of attending, but I do know him and have the highest respect and regard for him yet, that is not a choice that I would have made.

DAVID: Last question for you today Dr. Lawson and thanks so much for the time you allow us to have here on The Christian Worldview. We so appreciate not only your preaching and the way you preach and what you preach, the full gospel, verse by verse, the full spectrum of Scripture, the full canon of Scripture, but just your willingness to come on the radio and talk about some of these issues going on either in the church or today as we talked about the invisible war. Let's finish today by having you look forward, kind of a 10,000 foot view over the key battlefronts that you think are facing the biblical church in America today. Not necessarily the church that has gone off in the wrong direction, but of those churches in the country that are still holding sound to a true gospel, preaching all of Scripture, the inerrancy of the Word, key doctrines of the faith, what do you think coming up are going to be the key battlefronts for the biblical church of today? What do you see creeping in that you want to warn pastors who are listening today or parishioners within churches to say these are some of the things I see creeping in that I want to warn you about and be strong and hold fast?

DR. LAWSON: I think everything begins with the pulpit. As the pulpit goes, so goes the church. This is why we are hosting the Expositors Conference. I continue to see a lowering of the biblical authority of the message in the pulpit and for the message to increasingly become more conversational, more chatty and a less sense of gravitas in the pulpit, more man less God, less eternity more on the temporal, more entertainment less straight-forward adult conversation and proclamation in the pulpit. That greatly concerns me, very little expository preaching in a classical sense of digging it out of the Scripture and holding forth the full council of God.

That greatly concerns me and because of that, I think there is the trivialization of God and worship. We have lost a sense of fear of God in the worship. Let me be quick to say that there needs to be the joy of the Lord as well. Going to church should not be like going to a funeral service. Nevertheless there needs to be reverence; there needs to be a sense of awe. There needs to be highly regarding and respecting the person of God, the glory of God. I just see that missing and that concerns me greatly. I think there is very little Christ-centered focus in preaching. We really want to talk about just the application points and bypass the person and work and terms of Christ Himself.

Those are the things that concern me as well as very little true gospel preaching that holds forth the call for repentance and the Lordship of Christ and the call to make a full commitment of all that one is to all that Christ is. Really for the gospel to lose its cutting edge greatly concerns me.

The pursuit of holiness; I see the church wanting to become as much like the world as it possibly can in order to attract the world and to win the world. The fact is that we must be different from the world in order to reach the world. I think we need to be as much like heaven in order to reach the world and that concerns me. I don't see that; I see places just playing church. It is on a level almost of a VBS level, almost on a child's level for Sunday morning church rather than this is straight adult talk from a man of God to the flock. It is almost neutered down to the level of the children's sermon.

Those things concern me and would want to call people in this generation back to the high ground, the authority of Scripture, the sovereignty of God, the glory of Christ and the power of the gospel and those things. We are so into methods that we have lost a sense of the majesty of the message of Christ Himself. That is just what comes off the top of my head and spills out of my heart.

DAVID: I know from hearing you preach so many times, attending the Expositors Conference, hearing you preach, that you do try to raise up the pulpit, preach the word of God faithfully, seriously in an adult-like fashion. We so appreciate your commitment to doing that Dr. Lawson. We thank you again for coming on The Christian Worldview today. It is always illuminating and inspiring hearing you talk about the things of God for the people of God. We wish nothing but God's blessings and grace upon you and your church and the upcoming Expositors Conference this September.

DR. LAWSON: Thank you David, it is a privilege as always to be on your program. Keep up the good work.

DAVID: Thanks so much Dr. Lawson. Remember the Expositors Conference with Dr. Lawson and Dr R.C. Sproul is coming up this September in Mobile, Alabama. Find out how you can attend by going to ExpositorsConference.org.

You know we do live in a changing and challenging world, a world in which Satan and his minions try to destroy the souls of men but there is one thing we can always trust in to give you the victory; Jesus Christ and His Word are the same yesterday, today, forever.