

Supernatural by Michael Heiser

WEEK TWO

REVIEW:

From Pastor Herb:

- God has been preparing Pastor Herb and New Song to receive this Heavenly Realm perspective
- The “Divine Council Worldview” teaching is actually not new, but rather recapturing the underlying understanding of the New Testament writers.
- This deeper understanding is important because the better we know God as He really is and how He really works, the more intimate relationship we will have, the better we will join Him in His mission and the greater the resulting joy we will experience.
- Disorientation is necessary for us to be reoriented to God’s truth.

From Michael Heiser, video last week:

- Traditions have imposed the culture’s worldview and thus interpretation on the Bible for centuries. We cannot super-impose our culture on the text of the Bible. Bible written for us, but not written TO us.
- “If it’s weird it’s important” – Michael Heiser.
- The Divine Council Worldview is anchored in the core tenets that Christ followers adhere to.
- Bible presumes that “gods” are real spirit beings, some loyal to Yahweh and some in rebellion hostile to God and His people – genesis of spiritual warfare in Bible.
“God above all gods” - *Gives no glory to God to say that He is better than a fictional character*
- We modern westerners are trained by culture and Christian traditions to believe that the word “god” signifies a specific of unique attributes – God’s qualities are in the word “god”. That’s why it creeps us out when we put an “s” on the end. The word “elohim” is not the same as “god.”
- Biblical writers would use “elohim” as a word to denote and describe ***a member of the disembodied spiritual world.*** Yahweh is an elohim, and there are many other elohim, BUT no other elohim is Yahweh.

“elohim” is used of the following

- God of Israel (Psa 82:1)
- council members (Psa 82:1,6)
- gods of the nations (1 Kings 11:33)
- *shedim, (a spiritual, territorial entity),* of the nations (Deut 32:17; cp. 1 Cor10:21-22)
- Disembodied human dead (1 Sam 28:13)