I. The overall Purpose of Matthew is to present and prove that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel.

 A. In this Biblical worldview, The Messiah of Israel is the Salvation of the World.

 1. He is the redemption of our souls, our bodies and all creation.

 B. Chapters 1 – 3 lay out the roadmap for The Messiah’s entrance into all creation*.*

C. Chapter 4 demands that a Biblical worldview account for the reality of sin and Satan.

 D. The First Sermon, The Sermon on the Mount (Chaps. 5 – 7) provides the key verse

for establishing a Biblical Worldview, **“*Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”*** Matthew 5:17.

E. We must understand the **continuance** of the plan, not a **change** of plan in NT.

1. The Redemption/Salvation Question always is, “**How does a creature attain a state of righteousness before the Holy, Omnipotent, Omniscient Creator?”**

F. A Biblical Worldview must have a biblical definition of righteousness.

 1. 5:20 is foundational, ***“For I tell you that unless your righteousness***

 ***surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”***

2. Consider this concept of righteousness vs. the concept of the Rich Ruler’s.

II. The interim chapters, 8 – 9 are filled with 10 miracles.

 A. Watch the path of righteousness play out in this interim.

 1. The association and call of Matthew are included.

2. The following declaration sets the course of the Biblical Worldview: ***“It is not the healthy that need a doctor, but the sick…For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”*** 9:13

 B. The prelude to the second sermon is given at the end of 9, **The Prayer for Workers.**

III. Chapter 10 comprises the second sermon, **The Little Commission.** (Mk 6:7-13; Lk. 9:1-6)

A. A Biblical Worldview desperately needs a definition of ministry.

 B. 12 are chosen as the prototype of all workers in any ministry.

 C. Authority and Instructions are given by him. Personal preferences are ruled out.

 D. Jesus declares their message, ***“The kingdom of heaven is near.”***

1. In Greek, “…has drawn near.” Is at hand. It’s here, now.

 2. Remember, “Our Father, who art in heaven,” is not a long-distance call.

 E. Let’s acknowledge the details of His instructions.

 1. Where to go and to whom.

 2. What to say.

 3. What to do.

 4. What to take.

 5. Where to stay.

 6. How to think and behave in enemy territory. ***“… be as shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves.”*** 10:16

 7. Expect persecutions.

 8. Be assured of God’s presence, protection, and provision as you proceed.

 9. Know the great promise of proclamation, ***“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will acknowledge him before my Father in heaven…”***

10. A Biblical Worldview of Peace concludes the instructions.

 a. We must understand that genuine ministry can as easily divide as unite. In the Prophets He was promised to come as a refiner’s fire.

**O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.