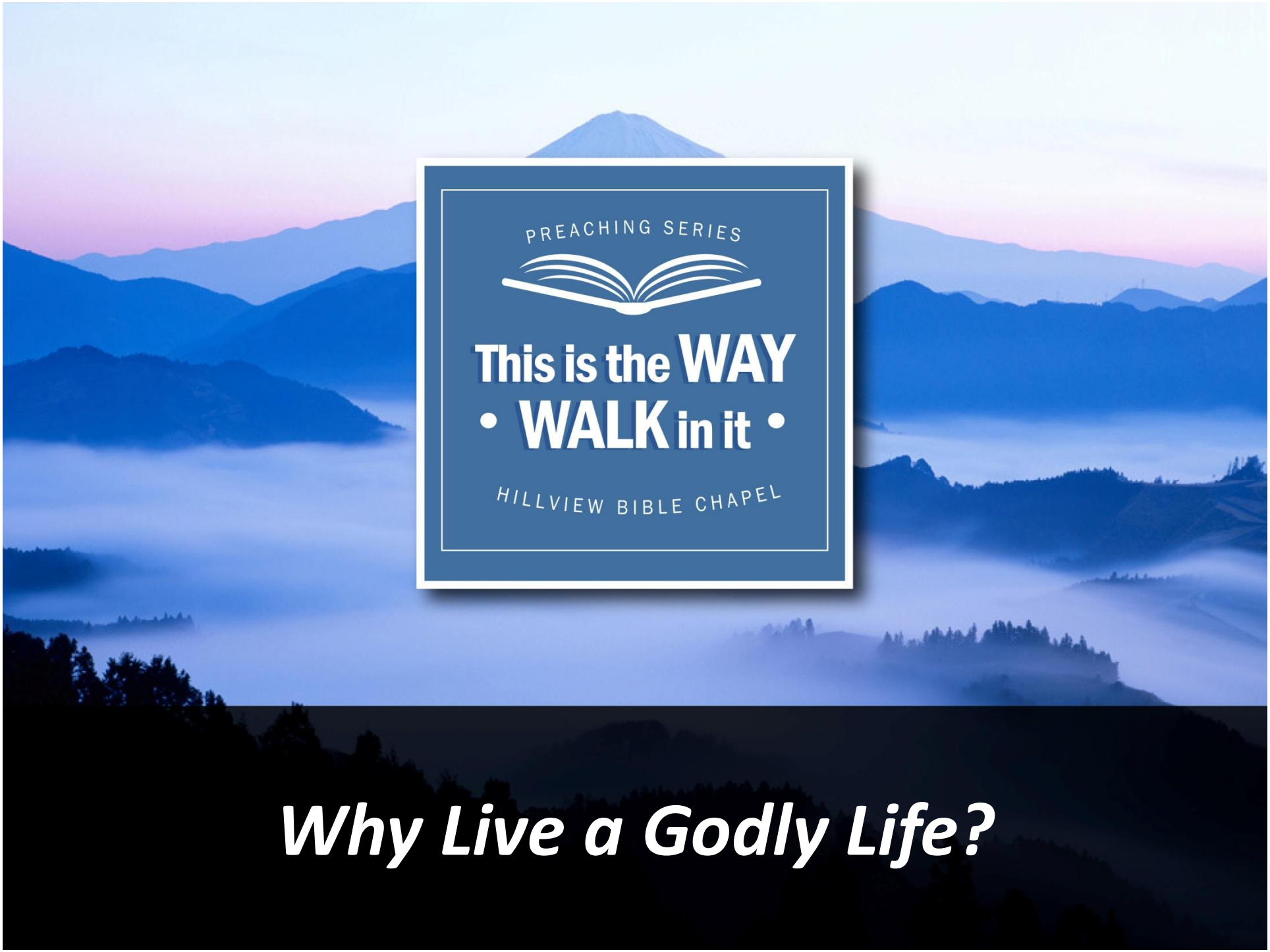

Why Live a Godly Life?



I. What is meant by a godly life?

A. Misconceptions/misunderstandings:

1) Sinless perfection, 1John 1:8

2) Pharisaism, Matt. 23:3,5, 25

3) Elitism, Isa. 65:5

4) Isolationism

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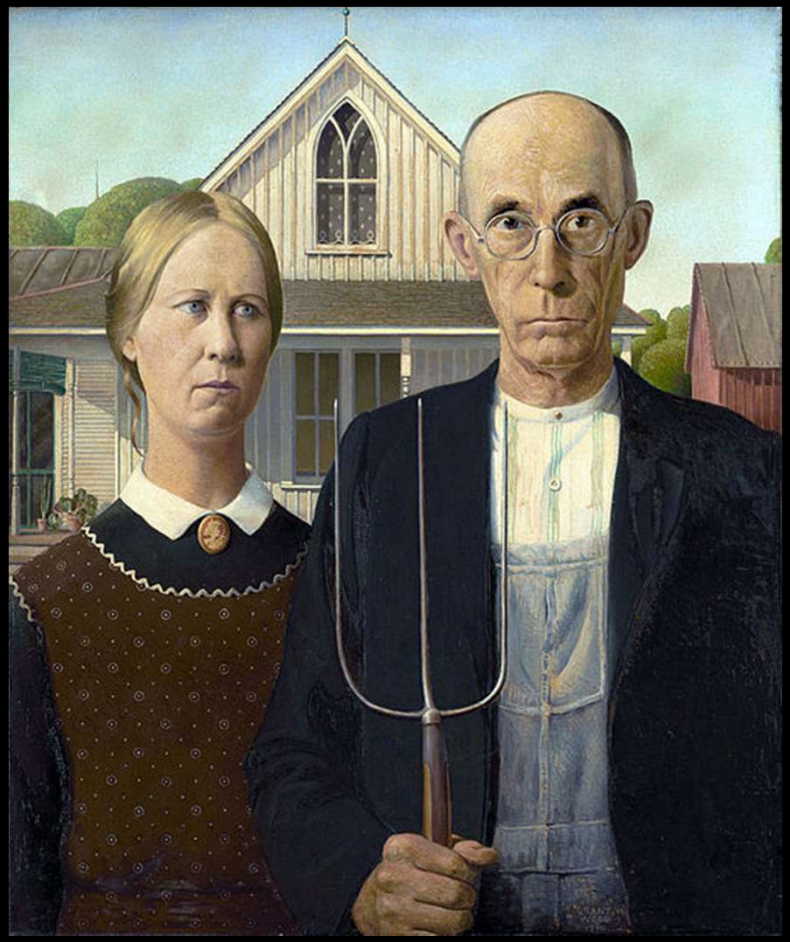



B. The meaning of godliness

1) godly, from *theos*:

a) a general name of deities or divinities

b) the Godhead, Trinity

c) the things of God

d) whatever can be likened to God, or resemble Him, being god-like, not in relation to His deity, but His moral attributes.

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2) godliness from *eusebeia,* meaning: reverence, respect, piety towards God

1Tim. 2:2 "…that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity."

1Tim. 4:7 "…discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;"

1Tim. 6:3 "…the doctrine conforming to godliness"

1Tim. 6:11 "…pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness."



3) Holiness, from *hagios*= set apart

"Holiness requires separation from one thing and separation to a different thing. To separate from, without separating to, is not biblical holiness. Whenever a person only seeks one half of this equation, imbalance and error will eventually invade their life. Much of the negative baggage in people's minds about holiness is a result of the harsh focus on fleeing and little focus on pursuing God Himself." Bruce Wilkinson



II. Why live a godly life?

1) Godliness is a believer's destiny. Rom. 8:29

2) Godliness is God's will. 1Pet. 1:15, Titus 2:11,12

3) To avoid bringing dishonor on God's name. 2Sam. 12:14

4) To avoid reaping the devastating consequences of sin in my own life. Gal. 6:7,8

5) To avoid God's discipline in this life 1Cor. 11:30-32



II. Why live a godly life?

6) To live for this world and not for God is a losing proposition. 2Pet. 3:10-11, 1John 2:15-17

7) To enjoy close fellowship with God. Psa. 4:3, 37:28, 97:10

8) Godliness has benefit in this life: 1Tim. 4:7-8, 6:6, Matt. 6:33

and the life to come: 2Tim. 4:8, Jas. 1:12, Rev. 2:10

9) A godly life is the best life. Psalm 1:1-3



III. How can we live a godly life?

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3) His Spirit in us. Romans 8:2

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