

# Evening Message Outline

September 8, 2019

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## “The Spirit of Our Times”

### Psalm 4:1-8 / Our World Belongs to God 1-6

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- I. Introduction: Your worldview matters!
- II. Long-standing worldviews
  - A. Life is governed by... the gods / chance
  - B. Life’s purpose is...
    - eat, drink and be merry
    - deny the appetites and nurture soul
    - deny yourself and help the poor
    - form a glorious nation/civilization
- III. The spirit (worldview) of our times:
  - A. Skeptical
    - 1. No God, no ultimate truth, no ultimate purpose in life
    - 2. Lost faith in science, technology, democracy, morality
  - B. Individualistic – me, not we
  - C. Strictly pragmatic – whatever works!
- IV. The Biblical worldview we confess: Our world belongs to God!
  - A. God has not abandoned the world he made!
  - B. This worldview is displayed in Psalm 4.
    - 1. In a crisis, King David calls upon his Sovereign Lord.
    - 2. Israel’s glory is found in her God.
    - 3. The shamefully pragmatic approach of those who fail to fully give themselves in faith to God.
    - 4. Our Savior’s total submission to the Father’s will
- V. Conclusion