

A majestic mountain peak, likely Mount Everest, is the central focus of the image. The mountain is rugged and partially covered in snow, set against a dramatic sky with a warm, orange and purple sunset. The word "EMPOWERED" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the middle of the mountain. A thin white horizontal line is positioned below the word. In the lower-left corner, the dark silhouettes of evergreen trees are visible. The overall mood is one of awe and inspiration.

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POWER WRAPPED IN LOVE

WHAT IS YOUR **WORLD VIEW?**



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OUR WORLDVIEW

... is the set of culturally influenced *assumptions* and *values* that underlie our *perception* of "reality".

It is our *explanation* of "life".

It's the *how* and *why* things are the way they are.

Our worldview is like a *lens* through which we *see* the world.

Our worldviews are *constantly evolving* (cradle to grave).

Our worldviews when *shared* create a "we-they" mentality.

Our worldviews *shape* and *define* our *theology*.

Our worldviews can have "blind spots".

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WESTERN WORLDVIEW INFLUENCES

1. Secularism: **Closed** material **universe**
 2. Self-Reliance: **Desire** to **control** all
 3. Materialism: **Science** explains **all**
 4. Rationalism: Human **reason** chief **guide**
- **Humanism**: Man is **good**! Man is **god**!

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HOW JESUS SAW THE WORLD


1. Jesus saw the **existence** of **God** as a **Father**.
2. Jesus saw **life** with an **eternal perspective**.
3. Jesus saw **two** spiritual **kingdoms** at **war**.
4. Jesus saw **leaders** who **seek** to **serve**.
5. Jesus saw unconditional **love** based on **grace**.
6. Jesus saw **seeking** the **kingdom** as his **priority**.

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WHAT DO YOU SEE (WORLDVIEW)?

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What do you see?

A Young Lady
or
An Old Woman

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SEEING THE KINGDOM

He replied, "Because the *knowledge* of the *secrets* of the *kingdom* of heaven has been given to *you*, but not to *them*.

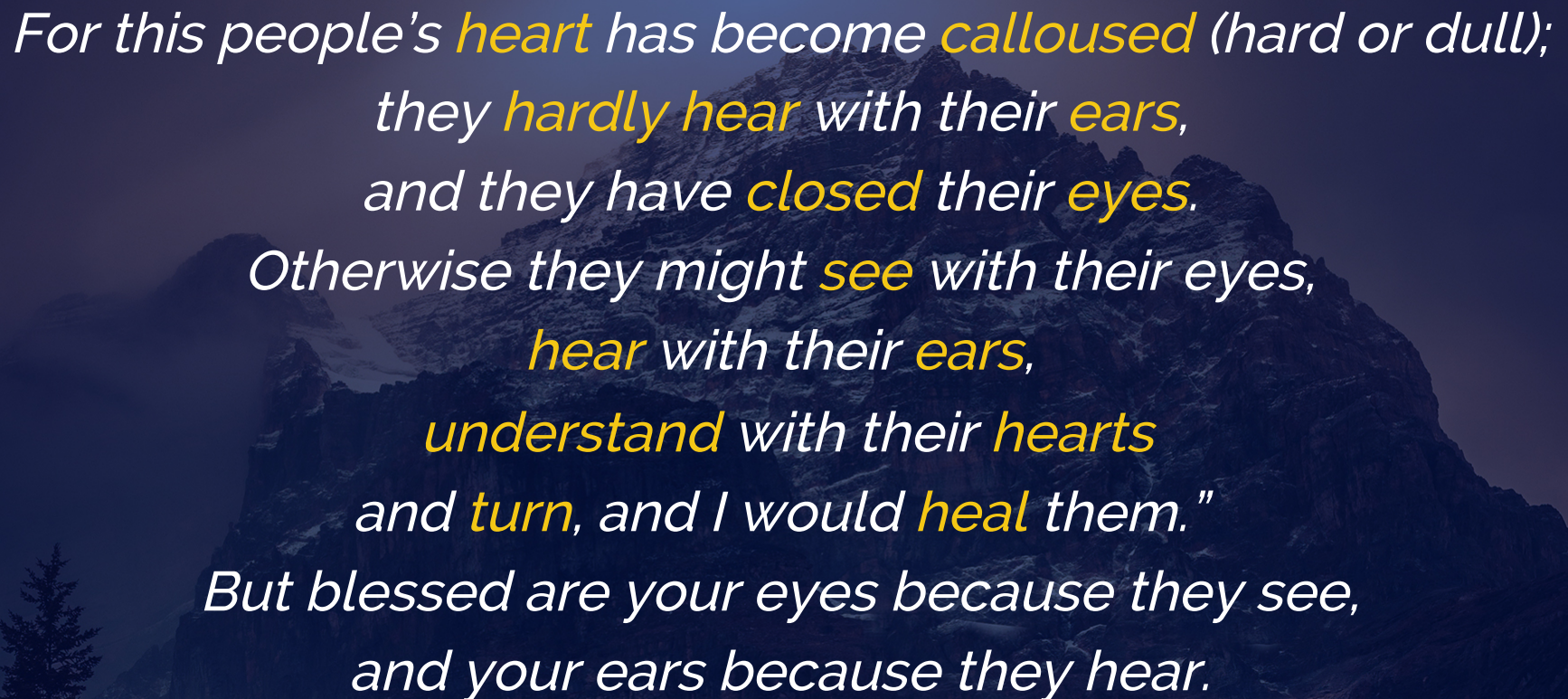
... This is why I speak to them in parables:

"Though *seeing*, they do not *see*;
though *hearing* they do not *hear* or understand."

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

"You will be ever *hearing* but never *understanding*;
you will be ever *seeing* but never *perceiving*."

Matthew 13: 11, 13-14 NIV
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*For this people's **heart** has become **calloused** (hard or dull);
they **hardly hear** with their **ears**,
and they have **closed** their **eyes**.
Otherwise they might **see** with their eyes,
hear with their **ears**,
understand with their **hearts**
and **turn**, and I would **heal** them."
But blessed are your eyes because they see,
and your ears because they hear.*

Matthew 13: 15-16 NIV
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*My **message** and my preaching were **not** with wise and
persuasive **words**, but with a **demonstration** of the Spirit's **power**,
so that your **faith** might not **rest** on human **wisdom** (cleverness),
but on God's **power**.*

1 Corinthians 2: 4-5 NIV

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WHY DEMONSTRATIONS OF POWER?

Christian *signs* and *wonders* are beyond rationality, but they serve a rational *purpose* to *authenticate* the *gospel*.

The gospel is opposed to the *pluralistic lie* that says *all* religious *experience* is equally *valid*.
Signs and wonders *validate* Christ's *sacrifice* on the *cross* and His *lordship* over every area of *our lives*.
It is a relationship that can be described and understood.

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HOW DO WE SEE THE KINGDOM?

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*"I tell you the truth, **unless** you are **born again**,
you cannot **see** the **Kingdom** of God."*

"What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus.

*"**How** can an old man go back
into his mother's womb and be **born again**?"*

*Jesus replied, "I assure you,
no one can **enter** the **Kingdom** of God
without being born of **water** and the **Spirit**. ...*

*'You must be **born again** (re-born).'*

John: 3: 3-5 & 7b NLT

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