

RELEVANCE OF GENESIS

OUTLINE – SESSION 1

1. Quote from Ps 11: 3 – “If foundations be destroyed, what can righteous do?”
 - A. Bible based view NOT widespread in America
 - B. Why ? – Many church leaders accept/ teach compromise
2. Show how import Gen is to Foundation
 - A. Nearly all major Christian Doctrines found in Gen 1-11
 - B. 1st, Establish Authority of God’s Word in Gen using words of Jesus
3. Discuss major Christian Doctrines in Gen 1-11
 - A. Attacks on Christianity focus on these foundations
 - B. Concern: If destroy foundation, no more doctrine
4. So, Look around U.S. today; We are losing Christian morality
 - A. Replaced w/ different foundation; Foundation that man’s word is truth
 - B. This is Foundation of evolutionary humanism
 - (1) Man not created by God; Adam did not commit original sin
 - (2) Millions/ Billions of years of death/ bloodshed before Adam
5. Now, a word of comfort for all who “know” earth is B+ yr old
 - A. Age estimates based on one dating technique which has well documented deficiencies
 - B. 100 + other scientific dating techniques which produce ages less than M+ yrs, often K+ yrs
 - C. Biblical age of less than 10K yrs supported by sound science
6. What about a “Christian compromise” ? (Reinterpretation)
 - (1) Day - Age theory, Theistic Evolution
 - (2) Progressive Creation, Gap theory, Framework hypothesis
 - (3) Problem with compromises? – All undermine Genesis
7. Earthquake has hit Christian faith in last 60 yrs – Rise of Secular Humanism in our schools
 - A. Replaced God with man’s opinions
 - B. Comes from teaching of “E” w/ its M+ yrs — doesn’t need God
 - C. Humanism permeates our entire culture
8. How do we prevent this in our churches?
 - A. Battle for correct Foundations
 - B. Battle against wrong Foundations
 - C. Battle for a Christian world view
 - D. Must recognize foundational Relevance of Genesis
 - (1) To the Christian faith, original sin and death
 - (2) To a loving God — who provides means of salvation
 - (3) To a young earth w/o M+ yrs
 - (4) To the Gospel – gives eternal life and freedom from death
 - E. Remember that Is 58: 12 says: “Your people will raise up the age-old foundations.”