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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:20 a.m.
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Congratulations to Bobby Bouie and Amber Wesby on their engagement! Ever since I came to Getwell, I have known Bobby to be one who goes out of his way to help others. He is very active in services. Also, Amber was baptized a couple of months ago, so we are excited for her in several aspects.

Please remember our "Sermon Suggestion Box" in the north foyer. If you have a question that you have had difficulty answering, a Bible verse that you need help understanding, or just a general topic that you would like to be addressed in a sermon, you can write it on a slip of paper and drop it into the box. If you prefer to leave it anonymous, that is fine. I feel like this could be a good way to help in spiritual growth.

We have gotten our brochures in the mail for the 46th Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship, "The Book of James: A Roadmap for Christian Living." Please pick some of these up and give them to your friends and family. We would love to have as many people as possible here to benefit from these excellent lessons. I am currently in the process of editing manuscripts, and this lectureship is shaping up to be one of the best ever!

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

How Far Are You Willing to Go for God?

Living the Christian life will always be the right choice. Unfortunately, people do not always appreciate Christians standing up for the truth (John 3:19-21). They like to try to make it difficult to live the Christian life. How far are you willing to go for God? What could make you stop living the Christian life?

The First Sign of Resistance?

People will always speak evil of Christians (Mat. 5:10-12). This is enough to make some people turn away. Will we stop following Christ simply because people speak evil of us? People often spoke evil of Jesus (Mat. 11:19, etc.), yet He stayed true to His task.

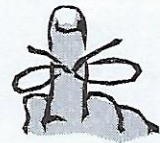
Physical Persecution?

First century Christians were often beaten for preaching the Gospel (Acts 5:40-42), yet they continued to preach. Would you stop serving the Lord if you were threatened with violence?

Threats of Death?

People were even put to death for following Christ (Acts 7). Christians are given the promise that if we endure hardship, even being put to death, and remain faithful, we will be rewarded in Heaven (Rev. 2:10).

RON'S REMINDERS



Some have suggested that Genesis is either a parable or more figurative language in the Bible.

Does it really matter if there was really an actual "Adam" and "Eve"?
Is this really something that is going to affect our salvation?

The short answer is "Yes, it matters!" Far too many people are willing to compromise Scripture to fit the evolutionary theory. We have forgotten the Truth on the matter, which can be summed up simply with the first ten words that appear in the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1: 1). If this is not true, then every word that follows should be called into question.

People clinging to both the Bible and evolution are commonly known as "theistic evolutionists." "Theistic" comes from the Greek *theos*, which means "God." Thus, theistic evolutionists believe God does exist, but they also hold to the theory of evolution as true. They rationalize their beliefs by stating that "yes, God created the heavens and the earth," but then He used (or allowed) evolutionary processes to produce the universe we see today.

Thus, "Bible believers" find themselves in the awkward position of compromising the opening chapters of the Bible. If Genesis 1-11 is tossed aside as merely a mythological story, then we must toss out the entire Bible because the one major theme that is taught throughout the Bible is redemption. Man's relationship with God started at the pinnacle of creation week in the Garden, and degenerated from there. Christians need to be fully aware that theistic evolution teaches that man started out at the bottom and worked his way to the top (via the old amoeba-to-man story). Therefore, either man started at the top and fell, as the Bible indicates, or he started at the bottom and rose to the top, as evolution indicates. Both cannot be correct! The prophets long ago declared the fall of humans and the resulting need for a Savior. Scripture indicates that this was the reason for Christ's death—to bring men back into a covenant relationship with God. If men truly did not fall as described in the creation account, then why did Jesus Christ, the Son of God, come to this planet and suffer a cruel death on the cross?

As long as we are tossing aside Scripture, we might as well get out our scissors and cut out all references to the creation, starting with the Gospels—Matthew, Mark,

Luke, and John. Jesus Christ Himself made reference to the creation when He stated in Matthew 19:4 (c.f. Mark 10:6): "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female." These words indicate that Adam and Eve had been on the Earth "from the beginning of creation" (Mark 10:6). Of course, we also would have to throw out John, because the first few verses of chapter one review the beginning and creation. Other Scriptures such as Acts 4:24, Acts 17:25, Romans 1:20, Colossians 1:16, I Timothy 2:13, Hebrews 1:2, I Peter 4: 19, and Revelation 4:11 also would be called into question if the Creation account is merely a nice "story" and not historically accurate. As a matter of fact, the only books that do not refer to the creation in some form are the books of Jude, Philemon, and 2 and 3 John!

Additionally, if we do not accept that God created the Heavens and the Earth in six literal days, then we are making Jesus Christ—our Savior—a liar. Jesus stated: "But from the beginning of the Creation male and female He made them" (Mark 10:6), affirming that Adam and Eve were on the earth since the beginning of creation. Therefore, we are left with a choice: either Jesus Christ lied and the evolutionists are correct, or we can believe that the words Jesus Christ spoke are true, and therefore evolution is 100% wrong. The belief in theistic evolution allows for the Savior to be called a liar!

Ah, but you say, "Adam was just a mythological creature. We know today that man originated from a Neanderthal-type creature." However, if this is true, why did the inspired apostle Paul pen these words: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22), and then in reference to Christ write, "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit" (1 Corinthians 15:45)? If Adam and Eve are merely mythological, does this mean that this "last Adam," Jesus Christ, was a mythological creature, as well?

Brad Harrub, Think Magazine, May 2021