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INTRODUCTION

- A. The word “genesis” has reference to origins. Genesis is the book of Beginnings or origins.
- B. W.H. Griffith Thomas mentioned seven “beginnings in Genesis.”
1. The beginning of material universe, or the **SPHERE** of the Divine Revelation of grace.
 2. The beginning of the human race, or the **SUBJECT** of the Divine revelation of grace.
 3. The beginning of human sin, or the **OCCASION** of the Divine revelation of grace.
 4. The beginning of divine redemption, or the **CHARACTER** of the Divine revelation of grace.
 5. The beginning of the nations of the earth, or the **SCOPE OF THE** Divine revelation of grace.
 6. **THE BEGINNING OF THE** Hebrew nation, or the **CHANNEL OF THE** Divine revelation of grace.
The beginning of the life of faith and consecration, or the **OUTCOME** of The Divine revelation of Grace.”
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THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

- A. Although it is right for us to reason with people concerning the existence of God, Genesis does not discuss but simply affirms the existence of God. “In the beginning God.”
- B. Everyone must accept an eternal reality.
1. Out of nothing comes nothing. If at one time in the past nothing existed, there would be not be anything now.
 2. Something now is, therefore something has always been.
 3. It is not enough for us to know that God exists. We need to know God’s Will for man and to know this God must reveal Himself to man.
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THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

SOME OF THE TRUTHS WHICH GENESIS TEACHES ABOUT GOD

1. First, Genesis affirms monotheism (there is but one God) and denies the pagan error of polytheism. ‘
2. Second, Genesis denies the pagan and philosophical error of pantheism. The universe is not God, but is the creation of God.

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3. Genesis denies the error of Christian Science which teaches that all that exists is God and His eternal ideas, and that the material universe and man with a physical body do not exist.
 4. Fourth, God is creator. Man is the crown and climax of creation.
 5. Fifth, God is law giver. As creator He has authority over His creation.
 6. Sixth, God is Judge. This flows out of the fact that God is the law giver. ‘
 7. God is concerned about man. Seen not only in the garden, and the provision of Eve as Adam’s mate, but the depth of His concern is revealed in the fact that when man sinned God did not turn His back on him.
 8. God is the great provider. He provided for man in the garden of Eden, in creating Adam and Eve for one another. Provided for atonement for sin.
 9. Ninth, God’s provision for man is also seen in the fact that God is the God of providence. Providence has reference to the care of God for us.
 10. Abraham recognized that God is righteous and will do right. Although we do not understand fully the righteousness of God, we know that the day of judgment is the day of the revelation of the righteous judgment of God. (Romans 2;5).
 11. Genesis reveals God as covenant maker. (Adam, Noah, Moses....)
 12. Twelfth, God is the God of promises and he is faithful in fulfilling those promises whether they are in the form of warnings to be heeded or blessings which were Promised. (2:17; 12; 10-3; 22:17,18; Rom. 4:20,21)
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DOCTRINE OF MAN

Basically the Bible consists of the revelation concerning God and the revelation Concerning man. What the Bible teaches about man is based on what the Bible Teaches about God.

- a. **First**, he is made in God’s image. Man is not just physical but a spirit being with a moral nature, some freedom, intelligence and in need of more than bread, for he is more than matter.
 - b. **Second**, the unity of mankind is taught in Genesis, for we all go back to Adam.
 - c. **Third**, man is under the rule of God, and is accountable to God.
 - d. **Fourth**, man had some freedom, he misused this freedom and fell. Man became a sinner.
 - e. **Fifth**, man is redeemable. God did not cease to be concerned for man when he fell, but has sought man and made redemption possible.
 - f. **Sixth**, Genesis shows that man is the object of God’s love. He is a being of value, because he is made in God’s image. And loved by God.
 - g. **Seventh**, there is today a denial of the reality of evil and of man’s freedom and accountability. **THEREFORE LET US NOTICE.....**
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WHAT MAN

A. DID NOT LOSE BY THE FALL!

- i. A. living being or soul.
- ii. Conscious of himself, God, the world around him, and of others.
- iii. Under God's law.
- iv. Responsible being: (5) Believed in God. (6) Communication with god.

B. WHAT MAN DID LOSE IN THE FALL!

1. He was no longer innocent, but guilty.
 2. Second, without his innocence he evidently needed clothing....
 3. Third, the breach in the closeness of relationship with God. In fact sin separated man from God.
 4. Man was now afraid.
 5. He lost work without pain and faced work with difficulties. Woman pain in childbirth.
 6. Man became mortal. He was cut off from the Tree of Life.
 7. Man was cut off from God by his sins. **MAN WAS LOST.**
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SIN AND DEATH

A. Genesis throws light on the nature of sin. As has been brought out, sin involves the Spirit of lawlessness, the effort of man to be that which by nature he cannot be, the effort to evade responsibility for one's sins, and pride.

B. God has always required man to have faith in Him. The faith which God blesses is the faith which obeys. **NOTICE:**

1. Faith is not only confidence in what God has said, but the conviction should be such that it gives, as it were, a present reality to things unseen, things future.
 2. Concerning faith as "evidence of things not seen" when God speaks, His word to the believe is the end of all controversy.
 3. Faith not only leads us to worship God, but to do as God said.
 4. Faith walks with God. **ENOCH.**
 5. Faith not only acts but it acts according to God's word. **NOAH.**
 6. Faith does not have to see the end of the way in order to obey God.
 7. Faith leads us to confess that we are but pilgrims, we are but passing through.
 8. Faith acted on God's word even when the command of God (offer Isaac) AND THE PROMISE OF GOD (in Isaac shall thy seed be called) seemed to conflict
 9. Faith leads us to obey God rather than man. (Moses's parents).
 10. Faith enables us to make hard choices **MOSES** (Heb. 11:23-29).
 11. Faith marches forward in face of difficulties, does what it can and leaves the rest to God. (RED SEA).
 12. Faith realizes that it must work, faith must be shown by works. Wall of Jericho
 13. Faith realizes that it does not bring the result through any power of its own.
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Book Preserved Because....

- A. It demonstrates the need for man to turn back to God. To be converted, it also indicates some of the things which are involved in conversion and which contradict certain doctrine of men today.
1. A sinless child of God could be communicated with by the devil and influenced by the devil to obey the serpent rather than God. Thus a sinful child of the devil, for we are the servants of whom we obey, can be communicated with by God, and influenced to rebel against the devil and obey God.
 2. In order to tempt Eve the devil did not have to make a direct or miraculous operation on her. He did it through his agent. It does not take a direct or miraculous operation by God (The Holy Spirit) to gain men today. He does it by His agent, the Word.
 3. The fall involved a declaration of independence from God, but conversion involves the declaration of dependence on God.
 4. Pride was involved in the fall of man...so humility ... in conversion.
 5. The Fall was the result of the violation of the first and great commandment.
- B. In the Fall, man heard, believed and obeyed a lie. **Conversion** - from life to death. Today man must hear, believe, obey the TRUTH (John 8:32; 17:17).= **Conversion FROM DEATH TO LIFE!**
- C. If Genesis is not true, the New Testament falls to the ground, for the very scheme of redemption is predicated on the fact that God is; That man is responsible and accountable to God; That sin has entered in; That man is in need of redemption and that God has provided for man's redemption.
- D. After man had sinned, God took the initiative and sought man. His first question to was **"WHERE ART THOU?"** Man cannot hide from God. God knew where man was: **BUT** man needed to be oriented to his position. Man needed to know where he was.
- E. To each and every one of us the call is reiterated, **"WHERE ART THOU?"**
- F. **THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION** must be, either: "in Adam" or "in Christ"
1. If we are still "in Adam" we are still in sin, and therefore in guilt.
 2. If "in Christ"...we are pardoned, Accounted Righteous, Heirs of Glory.
 3. If in Christ we must continue faithful to the Lord We should not only avail ourselves of our **privileges** but discharge our **responsibilities**.
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