

# PASTOR RAY'S BIBLE SCHOOL 201

## Session Two

### “The Seed Plot of the Bible”

#### I. How to Approach the Bible: A Review

##### A. One Book-Two Testaments

1. The Bible is a story which paints a picture of God and man; past, present and future.

2. The Bible is one book, in two parts, called “testaments” or “covenants”. Both covenants are between God and man; the first is between God and man (Adam), and is a covenant of *works*. The second covenant is between the man Jesus Christ and God, and is a covenant of *grace*.

a. These two men, (See 1 Corinthians 15:45ff), become the “federal heads” of their respective “generations”; all “in Adam” are under judgment, all “in Christ” (by faith), are given mercy and grace. This is why Jesus said, “You must be born again”. (John 3:3)

3. The two covenants are complementary, not contradictory. We cannot fully understand one without the other, any more than we might understand a movie by only seeing the first half or last half of it.

4. Once we learn how to see the Bible as a “Big Picture”, we can find each covenant perfectly fits the other and the truths in each perfectly complement each other.

***“The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed;***

***The New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.”***

5. Every principle and precept in the Old Testament finds its perfect fulfillment in the New, where we see Christ fulfilling all Old Testament prophecy and the “seeds” of Genesis coming to perfect maturity in the Book of Revelation.

- a. The “Garden” of Genesis reappears in Revelation
- b. The 4 rivers of Genesis 2 become the confluence of one in Revelation
- c. Man is *degenerated* by sin in Genesis, *regenerated* by faith in Christ
- d. Man’s sin cuts him off from the “tree of life” in Genesis 3, but finds him restored to partake of it in Revelation
- e. The “serpent” seems to be victorious in Genesis 3, only to be utterly destroyed as the “Dragon” in Revelation

## **B. The Importance of the First Five Books of Each Testament**

1. The first 5 books of the Old Testament, called the “Pentateuch”, form the foundational basis for the rest of the Old Testament, and are therefore critically important.
2. Conversely, the first 5 books of the New Testament, (the 4 Gospels and the Book of Acts), form the foundational basis for the rest of the New Testament, and are therefore critically important.
3. These 10 books are always the most attacked sections of scripture because they are so foundational to all that follows.
4. For this purpose, we’ll focus the section of the Bible School on the Pentateuch, particularly the Book of Genesis.

## **II. Genesis: The Book of Beginnings**

### **A. Review**

1. The Book of Genesis is the foundation for the rest of scripture.
2. The first (and most important) verse of the Bible is the foundation of Genesis.
3. In Genesis, we have God’s revelation to Moses of what He did in Creation.

### **B. Genesis: A “Seed Plot”**

1. Every major doctrine in scripture is found in Genesis in “seed form”.
2. This is why a solid understanding of the Creation account is so critical to being able to understand the rest of scripture.

### **C. Examples of Doctrinal “Seeds”**

1. Take for example the Christian doctrine of the **Trinity**, or the Triune Nature of God, one God, three Persons.

a. The Hebrew word translated “God” in Genesis 1:1 is Elohim. We often pluralize nouns in English by adding an “s” on the end. In Hebrew, an “im” is added. So right here in the first verse of the Bible ***we have a plural noun translated in the singular!***

b. This is the doctrine of the Holy Trinity in “seed form”. We learn more and more about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the “seed” of revelation about God “grows” in scripture. This is why in Genesis 1:26-28 we read God referring to Himself in the plural...

***And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion***

**Genesis 1:26 KJV**

c. Later we discover the Triune God did literally make man tri-partate: spirit, soul and body.

***Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 NASB**

d. We can see the Son of God was present in the Creation.

***Whereof I was made a minister,...that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ...And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:***

**Excerpted from Ephesians 3:7-9 KJV**

***Giving thanks unto the Father...Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son...In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins...Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.***

**Excerpted from Colossians 1:12-17KJV**

While the word of God does not need scientific explanation to support its truthfulness, the discovery of the protein laminin as a “glue” that holds cells together in humans and animals is in the shape of a cross! Click on this website:

<http://myworldatlarge.files.wordpress.com/2008/01/laminin.gif>

2. The doctrine of the **decretive** power of the Word of God to create.

a. 10 times in Genesis 1 we see the phrase, “And God said...”, immediately followed by the creation of whatever He speaks. So everything that we can see is made of the substance of the spoken Word of God!

***Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.  
Hebrews 11:3 KJV***

***By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.  
Hebrews 11:3 NLT***

3. We see that everything God made was “good” prior to the Fall of man in Genesis 3.

a. 7 times we read about how “good” God’s creation was, the final time saying it was “very good”!

b. The condition of the world, prior to Adam’s sin, was absolutely “good” in all ways. Thus we can see that the entrance of sin had subjected Creation to judgment.

4. We see the law of reproduction is built in to God’s Creation.

a. God put the “seed” necessary for reproduction in all living things; 6 times in Genesis 1 we read about the “seed” is placed by God in living things, thereby securing orderly sustainment of all.

5. Seed can only reproduce “after its own kind”.

a. Again we see that Darwinism and Creationism cannot both be true.

b. The “seed” God placed in all living things can only produce “after its own kind”.

c. TEN TIMES, (10 is the number of God’s law), that seed can only produce “after its own kind”. God emphasizes how He has ordered reproduction in the earth...man can only reproduce man, monkeys can only produce monkeys, acorns produce oak trees, etc.

### **III. The Sovereignty of God**

#### **A. Who Is *Really* In Charge?**

1. “Sovereignty” is the term that describes God’s absolute rule and authority over all things.

2. Sometimes called the “Sovereign Will” of God, it means that God’s choices and decisions are in no way constrained by factors outside Himself; also, God’s right to choose without being answerable to anyone or anything outside Himself.

3. Genesis 1 clearly establishes the absolute sovereignty of God over all His creation.

- Scripture reveals that God is the only truly “free” being in existence; He is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent; therefore He whatever He wants to do.

***Why should the nations say,  
"Where, now, is their God?"  
But our God is in the heavens;  
He does whatever He pleases.  
Psalm 115:2-3 NASB.***

- God sovereignty **chooses** to create...He is constrained by nothing to do what He does; His aseity means He requires no external support God sovereignty **chooses** to create man and to allow man to “choose” whether to obey Him or not

4. There can be only ONE absolute “sovereign” being. Either God is sovereign or man. This fundamental question of the sovereignty of God plays out in every theological question regarding salvation, prayer, healing, etc.

5. The choice of “who” is sovereign will ultimately be faced by every Bible student. It cannot be forced. We encourage every serious Christ-follower to study the scriptures on this question, though fraught with difficulty! (Hint: GOD is sovereign, not man!)

#### **IV. Conclusion - The Eternal Scope of Scripture**

***And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.***

**Romans 8:28-30**

1. Here we have the so-called “Golden Chain of Redemption”; These 5 things can be said of every true-born child of God: ***Foreknown, Predestined, Called, Justified, Glorified.***

2. Here we have the true “Big Picture” of scripture regarding salvation:

- Before the worlds were made, we were “**foreknown**” of God and “**predestined**” by Him to be saved
- We are “**called**” of God in time and history, a moment when we respond to God's irresistible grace
- We are “**justified**” by our faith in the work of Christ alone for our righteousness before God
- We will ultimately be **glorified**, and receive an eternal body like the Lord's

3. We see here eternity “past”, we see our present, and our future!

4. These 5 links are inextricably bound together; if any ONE of them is true of you, they ALL have to be true!

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

John 10:27-28 KJV

*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."*

*Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:31-29 NKJV

**Hallelujah!**