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THE REVELATION OF CREATION

STUDY GUIDE



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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:20-23

From the creation of the world, the things God made are clearly seen; therefore, His power and Divinity are undeniable. Although people knew God existed, they did not glorify Him as God, neither did they give thanks. They became unintelligent in their reasonings; consequently, their foolish hearts were deficient in illumination. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into the form of corruptible men, birds, four-footed animals, and creeping things.

THEME

Through creation, humanity recognizes that there is a supreme being, but it cannot accurately understand Who the supreme being is without the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus.

I. EVERY NATION AND TRIBE ON EARTH WORSHIPS SOMETHING

- A. Some worship elaborate idols; others worship the sun, moon, stars, or constellations.
- B. Some worship animals or insects. Why?
- C. God has placed in the heart of every human being the awareness of a supreme being.
- D. Some seek to know God; some fabricate their own god.
- E. Anyone who looks at creation must admit that there is someone somewhere with superior power and intelligence.
- F. Although creation reveals a supreme being, it does not reveal the identity of the Creator.
- G. If the Creator is not revealed, the revelation of the Creator remains concealed.
- H. Creation reveals that there is a God, but creation does disclose the identity of God.

- I. Some teach that people can be saved without knowledge of Jesus. This teaching is erroneous and detrimental to the mission of the church.
- J. If people can be saved without hearing about Jesus, why would Jesus tell us to go into all the world and preach the gospel?
- K. The truth is people must hear the gospel of Jesus; otherwise, they will be eternally lost.
- L. How can a loving God send people to hell? God does not; the church is at fault.
- M. God has provided a way for all to be saved; that **WAY** is Jesus!
- N. If we (the Church) do not preach the gospel of Jesus all over the world, people will die and go to hell, but their blood will be required at our hands. (Ezekiel 33:1-9)

Ezekiel 33:1-9

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Son of man, speak to your countrymen; say to them: ‘When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of that land choose a watchman to guard their perimeter, if he sees the sword coming against the land, he is to blow the trumpet to warn the people. If anyone hears the trumpet but does not heed the warning, the sword will come and take his life, but he is responsible for his own death because he ignored the warning. If he had heeded the warning, he would not have been killed. However, if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his life. Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Listen to the words I speak and give them My warning. When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not warn him to turn from his wicked ways, he will die for his sin, but I will hold you accountable for his blood. However, if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not heed the warning, he will die for his sin, but you will not be held accountable.”

II. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS MUST BE PREACHED TO ALL NATIONS

Romans 10:13-15

For, anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. How can people call on someone in whom they have not believed? How can they believe in someone of whom they have not heard? How can they hear unless someone gives a proclamation? How can one proclaim unless he is sent? Isaiah 52:7 declares that suitable or timely are the feet of those who bring good news of good things.

- A. Those who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)
 - 1. In order to be saved, one must call on the name of the Lord.
 - 2. One who does not call on and accept the Lord will not be saved.
- B. How can one call on someone whom he has not believed? (Romans 10:14)
 - 1. One cannot believe in Jesus until he has heard the gospel of Jesus.
 - 2. Faith comes by hearing; hearing comes as a result of the word. (Romans 10:17)
- C. How can one believe in someone of whom they have not heard? (Romans 10:14)
 - 1. It is impossible to believe in someone of whom you have not heard.
 - 2. If you have not heard anything, there is nothing to believe.
- D. How can one hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:14)
 - 1. Someone has to proclaim the message of Jesus.
 - 2. If nothing is proclaimed, there is nothing to hear.
- E. How can the preacher preach without being sent? (Romans 10:15)

1. We have a mandate from God to go into all the world and preach the gospel.
2. We have been sent by the mandate of God.
3. It is also important that the church financially support the preaching of the gospel of Jesus.

III. CONCLUSION

- A. Although creation does reveal a supreme being, it does not identify God.
- B. Creation does not reveal Jesus to the sinner; that is the responsibility of the believers.
- C. Jesus is the only way to the Father; therefore, it is impossible to be saved apart from Jesus.
- D. The gospel of Jesus Christ must be preached; otherwise, many people will die and go to hell because they never accepted Jesus.
- E. Just as God held Ezekiel accountable for warning the nation of Israel, He is holding us accountable for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus all over the world.
- F. Each of us must do our part and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- G. He alone can save people from their sin. He paid the penalty of sin for all who will believe in Him.
- H. Those who have not heard of Him cannot believe in Him.
- I. If we do not preach the gospel, who will?
- J. If we do not preach the gospel of Jesus now, when will we preach it?
- K. The eternal destiny of millions of people is dependent upon our obedience to the great commission.
- L. We must go and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ!