

## The DOCTRINE OF SIN

### Lesson 10 – A Theology of Creation Part 2

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#### Deuteronomy 4:32

For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of.

Creation is the first test of \_\_\_\_\_ to the word of God.

Secondly it is an issue of \_\_\_\_\_. The Genesis account by all honest considerations is simple plain clear, it is perspicuous, it is uncomplicated.

Third word is ‘\_\_\_\_\_’. Fidelity, Simplicity, Priority.  
What is God’s purpose in Creation.

- ✓ Scripture teaches us that God \_\_\_\_\_ everything.
- ✓ Meanwhile divine providence works, subordinates, orders, overpowers, controls, and manages everything to achieve the work of \_\_\_\_\_. It is the work of \_\_\_\_\_. The whole history of the universe is simply a theater in which God can redeem sinners.
- ✓ Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ to creation. The sinner is in a dark void spiritually until the miracle of light the brightness of God’s glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ engulfs him.
- ✓ So, the analogy, Creation and Salvation, points to the fact that Creation like Salvation is an \_\_\_\_\_ miracle.

#### **Genesis 3:17-19**

*And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ \_\_\_\_\_ is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

Our concern has to be with the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Evangelical Declaration on the Care of our Environment**

“We have sinned in our stewardship of creation, therefore we repent of the way we have polluted, distorted and destroyed the creator’s work. We commit ourselves to extend Christ’s healing to the creation. We confess the sins of land degradation, deforestation, species extinction, water degradation, global toxification, alteration of the atmosphere, population growth. Further, human poverty is a consequence of an environmental degradation. The cosmos in all it’s beauty wildness and life-giving bounty is the gift of our loving creator.”

#### **Some Facts About Malaria**

- Every year 300 million to 500 million people suffer from this disease (90% of them in sub-Saharan Africa)
- WHO forecasts a 16% growth in malaria cases annually.
- About 1.5 million to 3 million people die of malaria every year (85% of these occur in Africa), accounting for about 4-5% of all fatalities in the world.
- One child dies of malaria somewhere in Africa every 20 sec., and there is one malarial death every 12 sec somewhere in the world.
- Malaria kills in 1 year what AIDS killed in 15 years. In 15 years, if 5 million have died of AIDS, 50 million have died of malaria.

Discussion:

Job 38-42 directly addresses God's perspective on his creation. How would you summarize God's attitude?

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Considering the simplicity of the creation account, how consistent do you see this throughout scripture beyond the Genesis account? Read Ps 134, Ps 148, Is 42:5; 45:18; Ezek 28:13; Mal 2:10; Mark 13:19; Eph 2:10; 3:9; 4:24, Heb 11:3; Rev 4:11

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If... "The whole history of the universe is simply a theater in which God can redeem sinners." Do you see this as consistent or inconsistent of what we know about the sovereign purposes of God? Ex 11:1-10, Acts 4:23-31

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Consider the Evangelical Declaration on the Care of the Environment. How does this document mesh with scripture, and what if anything is the major flaw? How does this relate to our study on the Doctrine of Sin?

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