

Title: *“The Apologetics of Isaiah Chapter Eight”*

Sub-Title: *“The Apologetics of a Theistic Worldview”*

Isaiah's Key Verse: The study of the book of Isaiah has as its subject, the Lord Jesus Christ, as seen in Isaiah's theme verse: *Isaiah: 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”*

Introduction: This week the Lord impressed on my heart that I needed to teach more on the topic of a theistic worldview. The responsibility of the teacher is to teach, and the responsibility of the student is to learn. If however, the teacher is not making the communication or the content clear or with continuity then the teacher must clarify before moving forward with other lessons.

The lesson today may seem like a doctrines lesson, and is most certainly will involve doctrine. What I would like us to accomplish is to help you to build a biblical worldview.

I. What is the key verse in Isaiah chapter eight?

A. *Vs. 8:20* “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

B. *Vs. 10b* “...for God is with us.”

II. A theistic worldview begins with Creation.

A. A biblical worldview dictates a literal interpretation of Genesis chapters one and two.

B. As we previously discussed relative to interpretation of the Bible, the correct way to interpret the Bible is a literal, grammatical, historical, normal interpretation of Scripture.

C. One further point regarding that the mother languages to the Bible, Hebrew and Greek do not

correct the English, they add fuller meaning to the English Bible.

1. The dating of the Creation.

a.) Adam Clarke, an 1,800's Baptist Pastor from England dates the earth at B.C. 4,004, or 6,023 A.D. as of 2,019.

b.) Dr. Thomas Strouse, a Seminary president and theologian in Connecticut dates the Creation at B.C. 4,175 or the current age of the earth is 6,194 A.D.

1.) The young earth theory: Takes a literal, high view of Scripture. (No gap theory).

2.) The old earth theory: Takes metaphoric, low view of Scripture. Believes billions of years between day one and day two in the

Creation (false because it is Darwinist and humanist). Imposes a gap theory of billions of years.

2. A mono, theistic worldview declares the Genesis account of Creation.

a.) ***Genesis 1:1*** “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Baseball in the Bible: In the beginning).

b.) ***Genesis 1:7*** “And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.”

c.) ***Genesis 2:1-2*** “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and

he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.”

d.) ***John 1:1-3*** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

3. Creation teaches man was designed and made by God.

a.) ***Genesis 1:26*** “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

b.) ***27 vs.*** “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

4. Creation was made for man's use.

- a.) ***Genesis 1:28*** “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

- b.) ***Romans 1:20*** “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”

- c.) ***Romans 1:25*** “Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”

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- 1.) If Creation can be disproved than Christianity can be proven to be false.
- 2.) If Genesis chapters one and two can be shown to be metaphoric or not literal than man can live without consequences.
- 3.) If an old earth can be proven than the truth of the origins of man are further removed from accountability, and a humanistic Darwinism is more plausible.
- 4.) If there are multiple higher powers then man is free to decide his own truth, and how he wishes to worship.
- 5.) If we were not made by the Creator, we would not be accountable to the Lord. We could live without moral ethic.

III. A theistic worldview sees man as fallen.

A. ***Humanism: Genesis 3:5*** “For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

B. ***Guilt and shame: Vs. 7*** “And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”

C. ***Darkened heart: Romans 1:21-22*** “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,”

D. *Spiritual death: Romans 5:12* “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

1. If man was not created than pursuing the spiritual live would not be necessary.
2. If we were not made in God's image there would be no moral ethic or guilt for breaking that ethic.
3. If we were not made to be spiritual people than there would be no such thing as a dark heart or life. No breaking of the law. No civil violations or civil trials. And certainly there would be nobody in prison.
4. And most important, if there was no spiritual death there would be no reason for a sinless Saviour to die on a cross for the sins of the world.

IV. The Genesis account of the flood.

A. Fallen man led to a wicked culture.

1. **Genesis 6:5** “And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

B. But...

2. **vss. 8-9** “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.”

C. God judged the world for their sins...

3. **Vs. 7:7** “And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.”

4. **vss. 7:12-13** “And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;”

D. God made provision for the faithful...

5. **7:15-16** “And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.”

E. Judgement satisfied...

6. **8:1-2** “And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;”

F. A picture of Christ' resurrection...

7. **8:3-6** “And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen. And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:”

- a.) If there was no validity to the Genesis account of the flood there would be no reason to believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- b.) If the Genesis flood account was not true then there would be no reason to believe there was a thing called wickedness.
- c.) If there was no Genesis flood account than there would be no reason to be concerned with the judgement of God.
- d.) Of course, if there was no Genesis flood account we would not know the grace that was shown Noah and the other seven that were on the Ark. (The Ark is a picture of God's grace and salvation).

Applications:

1. Trust Jesus Christ today, if you have not done so. Tell someone that you have become a Christian today!
2. Download Knight's Notes on: Excellent Way.tv.
3. Read Isaiah chapter nine before we get together again.
4. Study and discuss the Genesis account with family and friends.
5. Share our ministry website on you social media.
6. Subscribe and share on our YouTube channel.

Where we began:

- We discussed the worldview of Creation.
- We discussed the fallenness of humanity.
- We discussed the Genesis account of the flood.
- We also talked about the implications of rejecting the Genesis accounts of Creation, fallen man, and the flood.
- We can see now how the Creation and the Genesis account of the flood are apologetic for the truthfulness of the Bible and for Christ.

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Next time:

- Further background and the Apologetics of Isaiah chapter nine.
- An exegetical study of the text.
- Further discussion of a theistic worldview.
- Apologetic applications offered.