

The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago

Extension Department

A Bible Conference meets each week in the Moody Church, corner Chicago and La Salle Aves., on Thursdays. Sessions are open to every one, FREE.

Weekly Program

- 5:00 o'clock. Heart to Heart Talk, conducted by A. P. Fitt.
- 6:00 o'clock. Luncheon for the convenience of those who reside at a distance.
- 6:45 o'clock. Song Service, conducted by J. E. Delmarter.
- 7:00 o'clock. International Sunday School Lesson, conducted by J. H. Hunter.
- 8:00 o'clock. Popular Bible Exposition by A. C. Dixon.
- 9:00 o'clock. Prayer for World-wide Revival.

Bring your Bible and note book.

Pass the invitation along, and bring your friends.

Average attendance over 1000, representing over 200 churches, of thirty or more denominations.

EXTRA! On Saturday evening, February 23rd, WILFRED T. GRENFELL, M. D., will give a stereopticon lecture in the Moody Church, at 7:45 p. m., on "THE DEEP SEA FISHERMEN OF LABRADOR."

ADMISSION FREE

The Book of Genesis.

Key verse 1:1: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The Book of Origin.

The first two verses suggest the contents of the whole book: (1) Construction, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth;" (2) Destruction, "The earth was (became) without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." Doubtless a great cataclysm during the time between these verses. Isaiah 45:18 shows that original creation was perfect: "He created it not in vain." "In vain" here is the same Hebrew word as "without form," teaching that God did not create all things without form; (3) Reconstruction, "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

Under these three headings everything in Genesis may be classed:

I. CONSTRUCTION.

A. ORIGIN OF THE COSMOS.

1. Origin of matter. 1:1, 2.
2. Origin of light. 1:3, 5.
3. Origin of order. 1:6-10.
4. Origin of physical life. 1:11-13.
5. Origin of seasons. 1:14-19.
6. Origin of animal life. 1:20-24.
7. Origin of man. 1:26-31.

Perfect product comes first. Germinal life is not reproductive. Eggs do not hatch eggs.

B. ORIGIN OF SOCIETY.

1. Of the Sabbath. 2:1-3.
2. Of labor. 2:4-15. In a garden, cultivating only the good.
3. Of law. 2:16, 17.
4. Of the family. 2:18-25. Woman specially honored.

II. DESTRUCTION.

A. ORIGIN OF SIN.

1. By calling in question the fact of a revelation. 3:1.
2. By denying the warning of revelation. 3:4.
3. By calling in question the benevolence of God. 3:5.
4. By exalting self to the place of God. 3:5.
5. By appealing to the physical nature—"good for food." 3:6.
6. By appealing to the æsthetic nature—"pleasant to the eyes." 3:6.
7. By appealing to the intellectual nature—"to make one wise." 3:6.

Results:

1. Shame. 3:7.
2. Fear. 3:10.
3. Selfishness. 3:12.
4. Sorrow. 3:16.
5. Toil. 3:19.
6. Separation from God. 3:22-24.

B. ORIGIN OF CRIME.

Sin the root, crime the fruit; sin the fountain, crime the stream. Sin works itself out suddenly into crime:

1. Through the religious nature.

4:3. Religion blesses or curses, uplifts or degrades.

2. Through jealousy. 4:4.
3. Through temper. 4:5.
4. Through the tongue. 4:8.

Results.

1. A fallen countenance. 4:6.
2. A hardened nature. 4:9.
3. Failure in business—the land shall not yield increase. Crime brings perpetual fruitlessness. 4:12.
4. Spirit of vagabondage. All crime produces this. 4:14.
5. A civilization of city building, cattle raising, music, art and polygamy, with God left out. 4:16-24.
6. A union of the church with the world, which so corrupted society that the flood was necessary. 6:1-7.

III. RECONSTRUCTION.

Begins with the curse on the serpent, which to Adam and Eve was a promise. Perpetual conflict between God-centered and self-centered men, also between the God-center and the self-center in the individual.

Leading God-centered Men.

1. Seth and his descendants. 4:25, 30.
2. Enoch, who walked with God. 5:21-24.
3. Noah, who also walked with God. 6-10.
4. Abraham, the promise renewed. 12-25.
5. Israel. 32:24.
6. Joseph. 36 (to end).

Leading Self-centered Men.

1. Descendants of Cain. 6 (to end).
2. Babel builders. 11.
3. Esau. 25.
4. Jacob until he became Israel. 25-32.
5. Laban. 29.
6. Jacob's sons. 29 (to end).
7. Pharaoh. 42 (to end).