

Evening Lesson

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

2 Timothy 2:15

1. *There is a teaching being advanced that there were beings on the earth before the six-day creation of Genesis 1. Because of the rebellion of these beings, whoever they were, God brought destruction on the earth. Have you found any biblical evidence to support any of this?*

This doctrine is called the Gap Theory. **Ex. 20:11;**

1 Cor.15:45; Gen. 1:31

Years ago 20 Hebrew scholars were polled to see if there was exegetical evidence of a gap between **1:1** and **1:2**. They unanimously responded “no.”

This contradicts New Testament teaching – **1 Cor. 15:21;**

Rom. 8:20-22; 5:12; Matt. 19:4

2. *Please harmonize Ezek. 18 with Ex. 20:5, 6 and 34:7.*

What would come upon the succeeding generations were the consequences of the sin of their forefathers. This would include poverty, disease, captivity, etc. Ezekiel is discussing the guilt of sin. Each person bears his own sin burden to God.

Gal. 6:5

3. *What law was in effect from the cross until Pentecost?*

God is a fair and just God. Those who died during this period of a few weeks would be judged by whatever covenant they lived under.

4. *What happened to the people like Cornelius the centurion who worshipped God with the knowledge they had and died before they had an opportunity to hear the gospel and obey it like Cornelius? It seems that if they were lost it would have been because they simply lived in the wrong part of the world. Could 2 Cor. 8:12 have some application here?*

Acts 10:47, 48; Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 8:12; Matt. 5:6

5. *I have always heard it taught that only apostles could impart spiritual gifts. In Acts 8:18 Simon asks for this ability and offers money for it. Peter rebukes him and tells him it because his heart is not right with God. This seems to say that he could have received this ability if his heart had been right. Please comment.*

6. *Are the sick or infirmed obligated to observe the Lord's Supper? Is the church obligated to take it to those persons?*

John 6:53, 54; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 14:13-19, 26-28; 16:1, 2; Heb. 10:25

7. *What about women having their heads covered in worship?*

1 Cor. 11:2-16 What constitutes the covering?