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[0 : 00] school in Elkhart County, Indiana. But Elkhart County is full of Mennonite and Amish and brethren and, you know, it's full of church people.

So when they had scripture and they had a time of prayer, nobody said anything. It was fine. But that's not true anymore. And it's not true in most places anymore.

Which is a good reason for young parents to say, be careful of the government, be careful of the government schools.

Because what are they taught now? You know. They're taught evolution. Yeah, how can you imagine that?

How can you imagine that? Follow the science indeed, right? Okay. So, does that hold true anymore?

[1 : 12] Do they have evidence? That's your question, right? Do they have evidence? Do they have evidence? Okay. You say yes.

I heard a no. No. What I mean is, do they have evidence of God? Do they know God?

Yeah, that's a different question. Do they have evidence is one thing. What do they do with the evidence is quite another. Right?

So, what does it say in Romans? Does it say they were confused? It says they don't have an excuse. Was it because they don't have an excuse because they should have known?

It's evident. It's evident. And what did they do with that evidence? That's the point, isn't it? They suppressed the truth in unrighteousness.

[2 : 20] Unrighteousness. So, our issue is a suppression of truth. Not an ignorance of truth.

It's a suppression of truth. Now, there are going to be people who are brainwashed. That's true. But, but, are they accountable to God?

Yes. Does God say, well, only the people that get to hear about the Lord Jesus Christ and the gospel of the grace of God, salvation by grace through faith, and that not of yourselves.

Those are the only people accountable. No. Yeah. And, and so, it still holds true.

Bertrand Russell saying that was not a truth. And he was a smart guy. But, he suppressed the truth.

[3 : 28] Which is, the, yeah, everything points to God. But, I'm not going to believe any. That's why, that's why we pay taxes to help support the superconductor in West Germany.

Which is designed to try to prove that evolution could happen. Chemical evolution. The whole idea is, well, we can excite these electrons fast enough and we'll produce mass.

Hmm. You know. It's a big touch for, it's actually for us to last. It's been a long time for that too. Yep. But, well, and, and most of the issue about that is we're trying to prove that there is an evolutionary aspect to the, to the universe.

Now, I'm not real smart. But, but, but what happens, what happens, what happens, we'll use that as an example.

[4 : 44] What happens in an explosion? Where are the forces? We just had a range day. You guys who were shooting, what happens to those gas forces when that, when, when that powder's ignited and that gas is expanding?

In what direction does it expand? Well, it pushes, it pushes the projectile out the barrel. Which way does the gas expand?

In all directions, equally. Right? Now, in an unconstrained system, when an explosion happens, where does it go?

Outwardly, equally. Outwardly. So, if the Big Bang was right, the universe should be round, spherical, shouldn't it?

But it isn't. It's almost planar. Who has the evidence? Now, I'm not real bright, but even I see that.

[5 : 53] So, I don't think it's a question of, do I have the evidence? It's, I demand that the evidence say this.

We're, we get a lot of that lately, don't we? It's the worldview. I won't use it because I may use it in the trivial question sometime.

Yes, Terry? How do you know the universe is? Well, okay, the visible universe is not. The visible universe is like the disk.

It's like a disk. Including the galaxies. We, we played that early in our first session in Genesis. We played the, the created cosmos. And that's one of the things that was mentioned in it. Is the spherical view of the, of the universe that we can see.

[7 : 08] By the way, there aren't alt. Have you ever heard parallel universes? And, now, what does the word universe mean?

Uni. One. All inclusive, right? So, how do you? I'm not sure how we got that.

A universe that's not in the universe. Multiple universes. That doesn't, it seems to be a contradiction in the term. But that's neither here nor there.

Let's go back then. Any more on the evidence? Yeah.

right yeah and even even in not so much in entertainment in my lifetime but even it was acknowledged by entertainers a while ago but now we are as a society we are increasingly profane in every sense of that word whether it's in the connotation of the obscenities or whether it's in the actual definition of profane meaning anti or apart from secular so we are as a society increasingly antagonistic toward the message of the gospel and you're right that's that's the idea of the idea of street corner preaching doesn't fly as well anymore now and you think of that you know with the the crosses in your flower bed right by the stoop so that it can be seen from the street the jehovah's witness and the and the mormons might not come to my house but at least they know some will because they want to challenge but it's not going to be real common

[10 : 14] I would guess yes Joe I was just going to say the Billy Graham organization used to be Billy Graham he'd rent big auditoriums and have thousands of people come and also thousands of people and go to TV but now that organization is just a social institution more or less I think of them of having hospitals and feeding the people here feeding the people there but preaching the word you just see them going by the wayside as far as that organization I know they do some but that isn't the way you see them now as you call them back in my time 50 years ago right right but the need is still there and the message is still true so we don't just stop because the society goes haywire yeah in in many places that we'll be meeting you're exactly right it now

I'm not against doing your best but I could go to where my cousin attends and I have been there once as a as a guest it's like a TV production as far as there's no dead air ever it's and the message was about five minutes no exaggeration and it did not contain that particular one now I was only at one that particular one didn't even contain the gospel by the way a church can as a church that is a body of believers meeting together can never lose sight of the substitutionary atonement of the Lord

Jesus Christ for my sin ever once that's gone or subjugated to everything else you don't have a gospel anymore do you yeah and you don't have a real church well you have a church in the terms of a called assembly but you don't have a church as we understand the body of Christ meeting together to encourage one another so the church is always called to remember that now anything else before we get back we left it at the fall and the curse the curse that was pronounced this is in Genesis now the curse as it was pronounced on the on the all of creation now who sinned Adam who paid everybody and every by everybody

I don't mean just Eve and Adam I mean plants animals everything subjugated by the will of God for the time when he reveals the sons the children of God that that would be what Romans chapter 8 the whole the whole creation is rendered vain until that time so then we move on children born mankind improved right well now wait a minute mankind always improves we know that that's what we've always heard for years and years yeah okay so what really happened the imaginations of man's heart was always evil so God judged the world he's going to destroy the world by water but what

Noah found grace or favor in the eyes of the Lord and what did he do he did what God said what God say Noah's about 500 years old go build a boat don't build a row boat build a big boat and so he does so in that way he showed his faith but who was saved he and his family were saved now they will repopulate the earth okay and then man improved from there what doggone it what's going

on the imaginations of my heart that's what's going on right so that brings us to Babel and at at [16 : 24] Babel or Babylon if you will but at Babel what they're raising a ziggurat or a tower and what does God say he says I'm going to confound the languages and scatter them over the earth now they didn't scatter just haphazardly in Acts in Acts 17 where Paul's at the Areopagus what is it Mars Hill so so Paul is is arguing with the philosophers on Mars Hill and he says look God created of one blood all men and he set up the nations as he willed and he put them where they belonged that that would be in his argument in Acts chapter 17 so after

Babel then we came to the call of Abraham where is Abraham he's now called Abram but where is Abraham Ur of the Chaldees now there weren't Chaldeans at that time or at least they weren't called Chaldeans at that time but this is a history that is given so that they the people of Israel can attach the geography and the peoples to what's going on right so I would say in Ohio history what little I know of it I'd say well Tecumseh Tecumseh of the Shawnee tribe was born in Xenia well there wasn't a Xenia right and

I couldn't I can't pronounce the name of the village I have seen it anglicized written but I can't pronounce it but it's basically old town when where 235 comes comes into 68 down in that area somewhere in that area is a village where Tecumseh was born now that doesn't mean so when I say he was born in Xenia it doesn't really mean that there was a Xenia then right so when he says there are the Chaldees it doesn't necessarily mean that when he was there they were called Chaldeans they're going to be called Chaldeans later but it gives the historical reference to the people okay I know where they were I know where they were see we know where Chillicothe is but we don't know where the village was and we know where Picwa is but

I don't know where the village was but I get an idea don't I so that's kind of the similar thing so he's in Ur of the Chaldees now we know from reading Joshua which we didn't do in this study but you have done we know that what was he doing there yeah that's why Joshua says to the people of Israel when they're going when they're preparing to enter Canaan choose you this day who you will serve are you going to serve the gods that your fathers worship beyond the flood or are you going to worship Jehovah as and there's the famous quote as for we will God help me to be true to that right we sing that that we sang that chorus may all who come behind us right there's a reason for that so

Abraham Abraham gets called by God I don't know how this occurred we know that God actually spoke to him I don't know why but God says get you up head for a land I'm going to show you I'm going to make of you a great nation and through you all the peoples of the earth will be blessed that's all he said to him when he was in Ur he didn't really tell him in Ur where he was going although at least in the scripture although Haran Abraham's father picks up the whole family unit and they head for Haran and they're on their way to Canaan so nevertheless Abraham gets called then he goes down and he's with his nephew named

[21 : 50] Lot Lot's going to play into this quite a bit so he's with his nephew Lot and all of Lot's possessions and all of them moved down into Canaan now they've entered Canaan and when they enter Canaan God says to Abram I'm going to give you this land this is yours and to your descendants and after Lot Lot and Abraham's lots and Abraham's herdsmen clashed because they were wealthy they had big herds so they're going to split right so yeah there wasn't enough pasture for all of them so

Abram says to Lot you take this and I'll go here no okay he gave Lot the choice alright alright so Lot Lot deferred to the old man and he said you take the best part and I'll go here no okay so he looks on the plains of Sodom and he says man that's good pasture and that's where he goes and then after he leaves God says get up Abraham I want you to walk through the land up and down side to side because I'm going to give this all to your descendants and he makes him the promise again now while while in this stage of the of

Genesis this king the there's a group of five kings north of them that form a group and they come down and they plunder these lands where Lot's living and grab everybody what's Abraham do he goes to the rescue and he goes and takes them all and then we get into the priest Melchizedek and we we are introduced to Melchizedek as a type of the well as a type of Christ isn't he he's typical of what because the writer of Hebrews is going to say that Jesus is a priest but he's a priest not of the order of Levi but of the order of

Melchizedek so which didn't have a regular order necessarily by regular I mean a descending order for all time but he's used as a type of Christ by the writer of Hebrews to say look priesthood's

changed it's different now the law was a picture I don't mean to digress too far so I won't or I'll try not to the law was a picture now that the reality has come now that Jesus has come it's time to leave this and go here that's why he uses in the later chapters of Hebrews he uses words like the time has passed for you to be instructed about various baptisms and this and that and the other thing and then he says because he suffered outside the camp let us go to him outside the camp it's the

the Hebrews is also a transitional book it's written to Jews who believe in Christ but he's saying it's time to leave and get over here so Melchizedek is introduced and that's also going to be used because in as a type of Christ because Abraham's going to pay tithes to Melchizedek and now does Abraham take all the booty for himself by the way no no he says he says I'm not going to take any of it you let the young men who went with me you let them take their share but Abraham's not taking anything so Abraham did not take the booty because he's trusting God we find that out in also in Hebrews in chapter 11 and 12 okay

[27 : 08] God reiterates to him and here here is where the Abrahamic covenant is made it's what chapter 15 I think right the Abrahamic covenant and this is a wonderful picture isn't it this is a beautiful picture so God says I'm going to make a view he reiterates the promise I'm going to make a view a great nation in you while all the nations of the earth be blessed I'm going to multiply your seeds as the stars in the sand I'm going to do all this now Abraham then asked him a question well how will I know this I don't have an heir Eleazar of Damascus is my heir now Eleazar is the chief slave by chief slave he apparently is the head steward of

Abraham's wealth he's the farm manager big time farm manager so Eleazar is due as far as Abraham is concerned Eleazar is going to be the one that inherits everything because I don't have an heir and God said no Eleazar is not going to inherit it one from your own body is going to inherit it and so God cuts a covenant he said cut this covenant and then God in the Christophany and Abraham walked through the covenant right you're contradicting me all the time no no who went through the covenant alone God alone went through the covenant and that's going to be important when you read

Romans because Paul is going to use that as the promise given to Abraham is not set aside with the coming of the law it was one way so anyhow let's keep going now he God does tell him though at this same time he does tell him a little bit about what's going to happen your descendants are going to go into a land where they will be servants they're going to be sojourners in a land that's not theirs and they're going to live there about 400 years and then I'm going to bring them out with a high hand and I'm going to and they're going to come out with as a great people and they're going to come out with great possessions now it's not said

God does not tell Abraham here what we will read later in Genesis which is that they plunder Egypt because God puts it in the Egyptians heart to give them a lot of money but nevertheless God does tell Abraham they're going to be now by the way why was that part important to the people who are reading this account they just came out of Egypt not long ago right well and they weren't to go back right right but that that's way that's way down our line but but the important thing is that you know the people reading the history are to be constantly reminded that they came out of Egypt by the way we just celebrated

Easter which is at the time of what Jewish Passover what does Passover represent if you forget Nathan's going to take your name down because he mentioned this last week there's the deal the angel of death who among us apart from the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ will not be prey to the angel of death none my only hope is in what Christ did on that cross if it's not his righteousness that God sees then it's going to be my own and

[32 : 29] I don't have much to offer I am thankful that it's Saint Roger now see we are sanctified not because we're so good or not because what we do nor by the way when we partake of the this will not be the Eucharist this is a remembrance but we will not be sanctified by taking it and we will not be unsanctified by not so my only hope is what Christ did upon the cross and verified by the resurrection and it is that same resurrection power that stands us in good stead before God by the way he says that's marvelous that's wonderful okay so

Eliezer is not going to be your heir you're going to have an heir and after after they had lived ten years in the land Sarah got an idea what was her idea look God's promised you an heir and I'm old I have an idea Abraham what's the idea I have a hand made here's Hagar take her as as a concubine and I'll raise the child will be mine through her and so we have the birth of

Ishmael which means God hears God hears so now Ishmael is born now that's going to bring us by the way Abraham was 86 years old when verse 16 of chapter 16 Abraham was 86 years old when Hagar bore Ishmael okay so that brings us then to chapter 17 let's look at those look at the first I know it's a big chunk but look at the first 14 verses now if you look back in chapter 16 that we just read how old was

Abraham 86 okay when Ishmael was born so in chapter 17 where we begin how long has it been since Ishmael was born 13 years so how old is Abraham now 99 years old is 13 years is is is born now in this passage we see that Jehovah again appears now by appears I know that he means this is a Christophany this is an appearance he there are some of the references where God says to Abraham at least about four times but there are there are two that I that we've read thus far this is the second time where God has actually appeared to Abraham so what does God say to him in verse one and two this is going to be a great place to stop it's going to have us nervous but it will be a good place to stop come on now what does God say in verse one now hang on what's this being perfect business let's brew on that for a week okay because it's quarter till almost and [38 : 03] I don't want you thinking about cookies when we need to be thinking about walk before me walk before me and be thou perfect it says in King James or be thou blameless let's think about that and more than think about it let's study up on it as we can have a wonderful week