

Element 4 Reviewed / The Historical Narrative of Israel & Warnings of Eternal Judgment

Sunday Bible Study Prepared by Gregory A. Weis for 12/11/2016 / 77th Lesson in 8 Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series

I. Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview

0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warnings of Eternal Judgment Day: Gospel Presentations in Acts
5. Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
7. The First 5 Steps into the Kingdom of Christ: Acts 2:37-47 (See Pt. I, E, 3 Above)
8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship

II. 4 Weeks Ago - Element 0 Reviewed: Gospel is for Christians; Pre-Evangelism; GCF Methodologies & Tools Lifestyle-Evangelism & Proclamation Evangelism Both Necessary: (Acts 13:48-49) (Romans 10:9-17)

III. 3 Weeks Ago: Everyone Has a World View: Inevitable from Imago Dei – 3 Components of All World Views

- A. **Component 1**: Who or What Is Ultimately Real? (4 Types: Pantheism; Polytheism; Theism & Materialism)
- B. **Component 2**: What Is the Intrinsic Nature of Man? (Three Issues: See Today's Teaching Below)
- C. **Component 3**: Man in Society: Law; Economic, Social & Political Theory; Theories of History; Justice; Etc.

IV. 3 Weeks Ago: Element 1 Reviewed: The Essential Attributes of God / What is God Like? (Acts 17:16-34)

- A. **Non-Communicable Attributes** vs. Reductionist Views. (1 Tim. 1:17) (Gospel Always Warns of Judgment) Trinity; Eternal; Omniscient; Omnipresent; Omnipotent; Transcendent Creator; Judge; Lawgiver; Provident; Etc.
- B. **Communicable Attributes**: (Remember Fallen Nature Twist, Distorts or Believes the Opposite) Personal; Holy; Righteous; Just; Merciful; Loving; Covenantally Faithful; Father; Etc.

V. 2 Weeks Ago: Element 2 Reviewed / The Essential Attributes of Man Reviewed / Biblical Psychology 101

- A. **Expressed in Terms of World Views: 3 Questions** (Biblical Answers Contrasted w/ Fallen Man's Answers)
 1. Does Mankind have an Intrinsic Ethical Nature or Moral Predisposition or Propensity?
 2. Do Humans have Innate Value? (Created In God's Image / Imago Dei)
 3. Heredity (Nature) or Environment (Nurture)? / Responsibility & Empowerment / State & Church
- B. **Expressed as Three Biblically Essential Attributes of Mankind** (Essential for the Gospel & All of Life):
 1. **Created In God's Image**: Infinite Value / Crown of Creation / Pro-Life / Anti-Slavery (Gen. 1:26-28a)
 2. **Created for Eternal Purpose: Ultimate**: Eternal Decree (Gen. 1:28) (Ps. 8:4-6) (2 Cor. 5:13-21)
 3. **Fallen**: Not Just Flawed, Twisted (Perverted) / Not Just Twisted, Enslaved to Sin (Power & Nature)

VI. Last Week: Element 3 Reviewed: 10 Commandments / Multiple Purposes for God's Law

- A. **10 Commandments Expressed & Defined in Various Places & Formats Throughout Scriptures**
- B. **Gospel Purpose of Law: (Paul) Tudor to Lead Us to Christ**: (Galatians 2:21; 3:24) (Rom. 7:1-13-24)
- C. **Jesus: Came Not to Abolish but to Fulfill & Empower**: (Matthew 5:17-20) (**Anticipates Antinomianism**)
- D. **3 Ongoing Purposes of the Law**: (Not Exhaustive)
 1. Tudor to Continually Lead us to Christ / Conviction of Sin Leads to Grace Based Living:
 2. Wisdom, Sanctification & Maturation: (Not salvation from Hell, but from sin.)
 3. Society, Nations: God's Law for Nations
- E. **Antinomianism vs. Theonomy**: (Jude 1:4) (Matt. 15:1-20) (2 Tim. 3:1-5)
 1. Performance Based Extra-Biblical Legalism & Externalism vs. Regeneration: (Pharisees)
 2. Licentiousness or Lawlessness: Anything Goes: Love Redefined in Nebulous / Relative Terms
 3. Lawless, Morally Relative Society: (Post Christian / Modern) (Salt has Lost its Savor)

VII. Today: Summary of Review So Far; Warnings of Day of Judgment; Why the History of Israel Included.

A. Summary of Review of Essential Elements 1 to 4.

1. **Clarifying the Infinite Gap.** (Explain Against the Backdrop of Past 200 years. Outside & In Church.)
2. **Necessity of Rescue & Regeneration / Futility of Reformation & Self Help.** (*Night the Dykes Broke*)

(Galatians 1:3-5) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen. (NASB) **(1 Peter 1:3, 23) (Ephesians 2:5) (Colossian 2:13)**

(Colossians 1:13) ¹³For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (NASB)

B. New Testament Gospel Presentations Always Warn of Judgment

(Acts 10:42-43) ⁴²And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.” (NASB)

(Acts 17:30-32) ³⁰Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, ³¹because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.” ³²Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, “We shall hear you again concerning this.” (NASB)

C. All 8 Gospel Presentations in Acts Include a Reviewing of the Historical Narrative of Israel:

(Acts 2:14-36) ³⁶Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.” (NASB) Peter **Quotes:** (Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 16:8-11 & Psalm 110:1)

(Acts 3:22-26) Peter **Quotes:** (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19) (Genesis 18:1-3; 22:18; 26:4)

(Acts 7:2-60) Quotes: (Gen. 12:1; 15:14) (Ex. 1:5; 2:14; 3:6-14; 32:1, 23) (Deut. 18:15) (Amos 5:25-27) (Is. 60:1-2)

(Acts 8:26-40) Philip Explains: (Isaiah 53:7-8) (Paul Quotes Isaiah 53 in 2 Cor. 5:21; Peter in 1 Peter 2:21-25)

(Acts 10:34-48) ³⁶The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching (the Gospel of) peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all) ... ⁴³Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.” (NASB) (Peter **Rethinks Everything** in the Hebrew Scriptures.)

(Acts 13:14-52) Paul **Recounts** History of Israel: (1 Sam. 13:14) (Ps. 2:7; 16:10; 89:20) (Is. 49:6; 55:3) (Hab. 1:5)

(Acts 17) Paul in Thessalonica, Berea & Athens” **Recounts** History of Israel & **Quotes** 3 OT Passages:

(Acts 28:17-31) Paul **Recounts** History of Israel, Law & Prophets & **Quotes:** (Isaiah 6:9-10)

D. Crucial Importance of the Historical Narrative of Israel:

1. Not a Matter of Audience, but of Hermeneutics: (Explain)

2. **History of Israel Includes Many Tributaries to Christ & His Church: 5 Examples**

- a. The Last Adam (2nd Adam) (Rom. 5:12-14) / “Ben Adam” / The Body of Christ (1 Cor. 15:24) (Genesis 2:7) (Daniel 7:13) (Matthew 27Xs; Mark 13 Xs; Luke 26 Xs; John 12 Xs) (1 Cor. 12) Etc.

- b. The Law of God: (Rom. 2:17-24) (Deut. 4:8) (Micah 4:1-5) (Matt. 5:17-48; 28:18-20) (John 14:6)

- c. **Israel – God’s Son / The Church is the New Israel of God** (Hosea 11:1; “Out of Egypt” 37 Xs) (Matthew 2:15) “OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON. (Matthew 16:18) **(Hebrews 12:18-29)**

- d. The Garden, Tabernacle, Temple, Christ, the Church (Matthew 6:10) (Ephesians 2:1-22)

- e. Types & The Great Antitype: People Types & Object Types

3. A People for God’s Possession: The Tabernacle of God is w/ Men (Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-12)

4. Apostolic Inductive Hermeneutic: Christological; Historical Narrative; Foreshadowing’s; Types, Etc.

VIII. Upcoming Weeks: Elements 5 & 6 Reviewed / Then Elements 7 & 8 Previewed?



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