

Lecture 1: Biographical Introduction (Part 1)

Our Father in heaven, we want to praise You as the God of all creation. The one who's made this marvelous universe in which we live, and who's made us too, to be Your people, Your children. As we begin this class together we thank You that You've created each one of us to walk before You, and You've called us to Your Son, Jesus Christ and asked us to be obedient to You. We pray Father, that as we study together the life and the ministry of Francis and Edith Schaeffer that You will encourage us. Encourage us to see what You are able to do when people are prepared to really put themselves into Your hands. We thank You for them, we thank You for all You did in their lives. And we pray that our time together may really be something which is glorifying to you. And which is up-building to all of us and really challenges us in our own walk before You, day by day. We ask it for Jesus' sake, Amen.

Biographical Introduction (Part 1)**I. The Weaving of a Pattern**

A. *The Tapestry* (pp. 13-15, 22), Mrs. Edith Schaeffer—Ephesians 2:10

B. "Parallel Lines:" Truly God/True Choice

1. A biblical emphasis

a. We are made in His image

b. We make significant choices

c. We influence history

2. A cause for worship

II. Origins and Background: Francis August Schaeffer

A. Family origins

1. Father: Frank Schaeffer—The dignity of the working man

2. Mother: Bessie Williamson—Spirit of self-reliance

B. His Childhood

1. Birth—January 30, 1912

2. Childhood development and family influence

C. His Conversion

1. Introduction to philosophy

2. His Bible reading

D. A Turning Point—Camp Meeting

E. Between High School and College

1. Study at Drexel Institute

2. Desire for the ministry

3. Returns to high school to prepare for college and ministerial training (January 30, 1931)