

Lecture 6: Themes from Basic Bible Studies (I)**Themes from Basic Bible Studies (I)**

I. Origins

- A. Written for an individual student meeting with Dr. Schaeffer
- B. “The earliest book”

II. General Emphasis

- A. “A unity that fits reality” - confidence in the Bible’s system of doctrine
- B. The Bible’s ability to answer the questions of our generation
- C. Emphasis on prayer while doing the studies - even for the unbeliever
- D. A challenge to read Scripture itself and discover the truth

III. Themes

A. The character of God

1. Infinite and yet *personal* (Genesis 1:26, John 17:24)
 - a. The problems of “impersonal deity” and scientific materialism
 - 1) No explanation for love, language, moral significance - what makes us human
 - b. The problems of an existential view
 - 1) Despair and inconsistency in the claim that our experience of “the personal” is an illusion
 - c. The significance of the doctrine of the Trinity
2. Sovereign over creation, history, and salvation
 - a. Creation by will, not necessity (Ephesians 1:11)
 - b. God’s personality not dependent on creation (Constrained only by His own character)

GOD	infinite	personal
HUMAN	finite	personal
Animals, plants, etc.	finite	impersonal