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In defence of the truth of the Biblical account of Noah

So many churches are losing the war on the literalness of scripture. In their haste to appear open to reason, they lose the power of the Word of God. Any account of Noah - other than the Bible's literal account - removes from God the right and power to judge His own creation. Without a recognition of God's right to judge man there is a serious gap in the child's (or anyone else's) knowledge.

Weapon 1: Teach Biblical truth. The Bible's account of a world-wide flood is a fact, borne out by the fossil and geological evidence found across the whole planet. So why is such well-attested evidence challenged? The idea of a world-wide flood is inconvenient to a world that wants to believe that the God of the Bible is dead; or that even if He were alive that He is impotent to bring about a flood on a scale of apocalyptic proportion.

Weapon 2: Teach children, as soon as you can, why this foundational truth is under attack. If God's judgement on man world-wide can happen once, it can happen again - as foretold in Daniel, Paul's epistles and Revelation. Teach, too, that God always saves His own - His faithful remnant. The preservation of Noah and his family proves it. This principle applies as much today.

Weapon 3: Teach the fact that Jesus Himself upheld the Bible's account of the world-wide flood. Note, too, that He linked it to a future event. "But as the days of Noah *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24: 37

Weapon 4: Teach that if the Genesis account of a world-wide flood is discounted as being scientifically impossible, our study of it as a model of God's view of man and his sin is also undermined. Remember: *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is suitable for doctrine...and for instruction in righteousness."* 2 Timothy 3: 16

Weapon 5: Teach the context in which people take scissors to the Bible to cut out what they classify as 'myth'. People who subtract from the Bible also take out the accounts of man's origins (Adam and Eve) and man's destiny (heaven or hell). With no supernatural origin, man becomes a mere animal without a soul. Then the facts of the resurrection and the second coming of Christ become meaningless.

Weapon 6: Teach that Darwin's (or anyone else's) theory of evolution is just a theory. Its proponents try to claim it is fact but the claim is false. It is unproven. It has never been replicated and it is unscientific. As such, it must be relegated to the area of a 'belief'!

Weapon 7: Drill. Repetition. Don't ever just teach truth once. It has to be repeated many times. Isn't this how children learn a favourite storybook off by heart? Read the story from the Bible to them. Scripture is brilliantly crafted literature and can be learned by heart. If ever the time came when the Bible were denied us, then what we have memorised would become exceedingly precious.

"Sanctify them (our families) through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17

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