

BEREAN QUESTIONS ON
SCRIPTURE STUDIES SERIES I
STUDY I

EARTH'S NIGHT OF SIN TO TERMINATE IN A MORNING OF JOY

- (1) What thought does "the Divine Plan of the Ages" suggest to our minds? And why is the period in which sin is permitted called "a dark night," and when will "the morning" be ushered in? Page 9.
- (2) What seems to be the almost instinctive longing of the whole creation? And how do these indefinite hopes and longings approximate the Creator's gracious provision for mankind? Page 10, par. 1.
- (3) Why is it now possible to understand the Divine Plan as it was not possible in past ages? Page 10, par. 2.
- (4) What is the foundation of all true religion? Page 10, par. 3
- (5) Should we expect the divinely provided foundation for our faith to be harmonious with reason and justice? And what should be our object as truth-seekers? Page 11, par. 1.
- (6) As inquirers, what two methods are open to us? Eph. 4:11-16. Page 11, par. 2.
- (7) What is a common failing of the present and of all times with respect to accepting certain doctrines, and what should be the test of all religious teaching and teachers? Page 12, par. 1.
- (8) What is the method of Bible study pursued in our textbook, "The Plan of the Ages"? And why is careful and orderly study of this work essential to a thorough understanding of "Present Truth"? Page 12, par. 3.
- (9) What is the object of the prophecies contained in the Scriptures? Page 13, par. 1.
- (10) Judging from conditions in the world today, what must be the conclusion reached by any thoughtful observer in ignorance of the Divine Plan? Page 14, par. 1.
- (11) What is the religious condition of the world as shown in the Missionary Diagram? Page 14, par. 2 to page 17, par. 1.
- (12) What do the various creeds of "Orthodoxy" teach with respect to these billions of heathen? Page 17, par. 2, 3.

- (13) How has the Word of God, through the Prophet Isaiah, foretold this very condition of affairs and its remedy? Page 18, par. 1.
- (14) Have the continued darkness and misery of the world been a mystery to worldly men as well as to the church? Page 18, par. 2 to page 20, par. 1.
- (15) While "darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people," what class among men is privileged to walk in the light of truth? Page 20, par. 2.
- (16) Why are many still sitting in darkness when they might walk in the light? Page 21, par. 1.
- (17) How will the Spirit of God guide the church into the truth? Page 21, par. 2.
- (18) What Scriptural assurance have we that even the world shall not always remain in darkness? Page 21, par. 3.
- (19) What was the nature of the divine promises in past Ages, and how has the "path of the just" been progressive with respect to knowledge? Page 21, par. 4.
- (20) What was the special light brought by our Lord Jesus at His first advent? Page 22, par. 1.
- (21) After the apostles fell asleep, what was the experience of the majority of the church? And what made the development of Papacy possible? Page 22, par. 2.
- (22) What was the nature of the Reformation movement, and why have Protestants made so little progress since the days of the Reformers? Page 23, par. 1.
- (23) What do we understand by the term "dispensational truths"? And what has given rise to the proverb, "The Bible is a fiddle upon which any tune can be played"? Page 24, par. 1, 2; page 25, par. 1.
- (24) What is the great importance of walking in the light? And how do the Scriptures contrast walking with sitting or standing? Page 25, par. 2.
- (25) If we believe that perfection of knowledge is not a thing of the past but of the future, why do we go back to the words of the apostles and prophets for all our knowledge of the present and the future? Page 25, par. 3.

(26) Although the Lord promised that the Church should be guided into all Truth, in what manner evidently was the Truth to be unfolded? Page 26, par. 1.

(27) What was the special value of the Apostle Paul's visions and revelations, since he was not permitted to make them known either to other apostles or to the church in general? Page 27, par. 1.

(28) How does the book of Revelation corroborate the foregoing statements? Page 27, par. 2.

(29) What was the promise of Rev. 1:3, and how has it been fulfilled? Page 27, par. 3.