

We must not jump to conclusions about a statement of God's Word. It is very easy to read our ideas into it. ~~It is easy to jump to the conclusion that we desire to~~ <sup>approach it</sup> We must ~~come~~ <sup>and</sup> with <sup>a</sup> humility, with earnestness, <sup>effort</sup> with industry, with sincere desire to know the mind of God. We must deal lightly with God's Word.

~~Number 2.~~ ¶ The second principle that should govern our interpretation of this passage is this. ¶ These chapters occupy a very important position in God's Word. ¶ This we can note in two regards: CAPS

¶ (a) ~~These chapters occur at the very beginning of the Bible. All of God's Word starts with the presentation of the account of creation. This sets the foundation, lays the scene, and establishes the background for all the events which occur later in the book that He has given us.~~ We can be sure that anything that <sup>God</sup> ~~He~~ has put in so important a <sup>place</sup> position is of great importance. We must be very careful that we treat <sup>it</sup> ~~it~~ right, and <sup>that we</sup> do not explain away anything that is clearly <sup>stated</sup> ~~given~~ here.

¶ (b) A second reason to feel that this occupies an important position in God's Word, ~~is the New Testament,~~ is the later Biblical references to it. Just to note three examples: First, Romans 5:14: "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come." This ~~verse~~ <sup>How</sup> and a number of others in the book of Romans show ~~all~~ of Paul's teaching about the Gospel relates back to the Old Testament account of Adam. Paul deals with it as fact, not parable, allegory, or fiction.

Check verse in Bible

Similarly in 1 Cor. 15:45 we read, "And so it is written, the first man ~~Ad~~

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