

from the _____ of the _____ of man
to the _____ redemption that God has promised which in _____ thus
explained many thing in human life today that we could not otherwise understand the
Bible. Genesis is one of the greatest textbooks for the study of human nature to
be found anywhere. It would be hard to find in literature anywhere an account of
equal length with more terse characterizations of human beings and with more gripping
~~instances that~~ ^{incidents} in this book. Every phase of human life is touched on in this book;
we find in it examples of life at its best and life at its worst. We find many
things we can well imitate, and also see the mistakes people have made and the
results that have come to them. A great way to gain wisdom in dealing with other
people would be to make a careful study of the events in the book of Genesis; of the
actions of the people and of the results of those actions. A wonderful thing about
the book is the objective way in which it describes any character; a human author
would be apt to show only the good side of his heroes, and only the bad side of his
villains. There is no description of character in Genesis; we are not told that a
man had a good characteristic or a bad one, but we are shown him in action; nothing
is slighted or painted over. The writer does not hesitate to show the flaws and
faults of his heroes, nor to show the good points of the evil characters which he
pictures. Every state of human life is touched on in the book; there is no
hesitancy ~~in~~ about dealing with anything that is important in the development of the
characters. There are parts of it which describe events which would hardly be
proper for public reading because of the intimate character of the things described,
but there is no part of it which would not be of value to any person to study closely
to see what the meaning is for himself. Sin is never painted over nor condoned, but
it is described ~~fully~~ plainly and clearly. We are not told in the book that the
wages of sin is death, but we see the working out of sin in case after case in ~~which~~
large groups, and also in the stories of individuals.