Application Heresy

An Interview with Haddon Robinson

1. At the start of Haddon Robinson’s interview, he states, “More heresy is preached in application than in Bible exegesis.” Does that declaration shock you or is it something you are aware of?
2. In the interview Robinson equates application heresy with something.
   1. With what does he equate application heresy?
   2. Rape is a violent and horrific act. Why do you think Robinson equates application heresy with such an act?
3. According to Robinson, what are the effects of application heresy preaching?
   1. Undermine Scripture (e.g. twist Scripture)
   2. We preach mythology (e.g. we preach lies)
4. Let’s look at a couple of examples of application heresy.
   1. Book of Ruth and in-laws
   2. Ephesian 5 submission = A marriage
5. Why is applying Scripture today so difficult?
   1. Some texts cannot be carried over to modern times
      1. Yes…love your enemies
      2. No
         1. Sell what you have, give to the poor and follow me
         2. First century slavery vs Nineteen century slavery
   2. We can’t see and hear who Paul is speaking to
6. What are some of the tools Robinson gives us to help us apply God’s Word correctly?
   1. Ladder of abstraction – need to ask ourselves two questions (page 4)
      1. What is the vision of God?
      2. What is the depravity factor?
   2. Tell people, “God doesn’t speak to your situation.” (page 4)
   3. While preparing, think about a wide range of people (page5)
   4. Does this rank at the level of obedience? Need to distinguish between various implications (page 5)
      1. Necessary
      2. Probable
      3. Possible
      4. Improbable
      5. Impossible
   5. “Think about it” (e.g. your situation)
   6. Invest more hours in what we tend not to focus on (page7)