

Genesis: From Creation to New Creation

Genesis 1:1-25

"In the Beginning"— January 9, 2022



Introduction

After 400 years of slavery in Egypt, the children of Israel began the journey to the Promised Land. There were many challenges along the way that tempted them to give in to fear. How would a people crippled by fear and overwhelmed by discouragement move from that fear to faith? God gave them His word in Genesis.

Genesis is a book about beginnings. In Genesis, we see the origin of the universe, of the people of God, sexuality, family, government, and so much more. In showing us the beginning, we are meant to meet the God who has no beginning. He didn't come to be. He is the God who is the "I AM." In the midst of roadblocks, discouragement, confusion and fear, the children of Israel needed to see their God. He created all things, sustains all things, and rules sovereignly over all things.

We don't encounter the same trials as the children of Israel, but there are trials and disappointments that tempt each of us to fear, to be anxious and to despair. In the same way that the people of God in the Old Testament needed the encouragement that Genesis has to offer, the people of God today, the church, need the same encouragement and instruction of Genesis.

Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

Sermon Outline

1. God alone is the Creator of all things. Vs. 1
2. God alone is worthy of worship. Vs. 2-25

Read & Discuss

1) Read 1:1

Everything owes its existence to God. At one point - everything was not. Then God called it into existence, and it was. Even when the universe was not, God was! He is the eternal God.

Because He created all things, He is in authority over all things. He is the Sovereign in charge over all of the universe. The Creator God (Elohim) is also the covenant keeping God (Yahweh). He is not like the gods (idols) in whom the nations put their trust. ([Ps 96:5](#))

Whatever problem you are facing today you can trust to the Lord! Let your response to problems be shaped by how big God is!

What challenges, trials, or problems are you facing today? As big as God is, if He is not good, we won't trust Him when faced with the trials of life. When we are left waiting, how can we know that God will help us?

Additional Reading: Hebrews 11:3, Romans 11:36, Psalm 96, Psalm 121

2) Read 1:2-25

God is not a God of disorder. He creates an orderly paradise for Adam and Eve to live in. In creation, there is order, beauty, and purpose. It all points to a Designer. ([Ps. 19:1](#))

God's word is authoritative and powerful. God's word is good. Why did God create? He didn't create to get joy. He created to give infinite joy to those He created. We exist to enjoy God.

He is the Creator and has a right to tell you what is right and good. He is the standard. The reason that humanity suppresses God's goodness is that we doubt God and want to determine what is right and good for ourselves. This is sin. Sin makes life uninhabitable.

What is the hope? Jesus! John links Jesus to creation. ([John 1](#)) He is the eternal Word that created the world. The Word became flesh. ([John 1:14](#)) He came into our dark world to take on our sin. He died and rose so that we could have life in His name. ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#))

There are still days that it will be hard, but our hope is in Jesus. That hope is not in vain. Jesus is preparing a place for us. ([John 14:1-3](#)) Jesus is the re-creator of all things. He will come again, and He will make all things new.

Do you see order and beauty in God's creation? What joy do you experience in creation? What does it mean to you to know that the Creator, who is sovereign over all things, has made you a new creation in Christ?

Additional Reading: Romans 1, John 1, John 14, Colossians 1:15-20

Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to confess? From what do I need to repent?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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*Next week's sermon text: we turn to Genesis 1:25-31 "Made in the Image of God"
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