

Creation - Part 1

Genesis 1-2

- I. **Introduction** - the starting point - (verse 1) Where does God begin His book/story? He begins in the right place - “in the beginning;” this is where we must begin as well, Rev. 4:11
- II. **Implications of Creation for God** - Creation tells us about God (Ps. 19:1-4); it tells us about His glorious attributes (Rom. 1:20)
 1. **God’s Godhood** - practically the definition of deity (Ps. 96:5, Jn. 1:1-3)
 2. **God’s power and greatness** (Rom. 1:20), “eternal power” behind creation!
 - a. The heavens (verse 6) - the heavens tower over the earth - between 60 and 600 miles high from ground to “space” (Is. 55:9, Ps. 36:5, 103:11)
 - b. The seas (verse 9) - the size of the seas - more than 36 times the area of the USA (Ps. 139:8), “Here is love vast as the ocean,” depths of the oceans - over 36,000 feet - could cover Mt. Everest with over a mile of water, holds enough water to immerse the entire USA over the clouds (Psalm 36:6, Micah 7:19)
 - c. The mountains (verse 10) - the greatness of the mountains - Mt. Everest is over 29,000 ft. tall, compare with tallest man-made structure, Burj Khalifa (2,700 ft) (Ps. 36:6) - mankind will surely never make anything like the mountains!
 - d. Size of universe - diameter 91 billion light years; after the sun, the next closest star is 4.22 light years away - God’s telling us that He’s big!
 - e. Sun, moon, stars (verses 14-18) - sun over 100 times bigger than earth (basketball vs. 2.2 mm dot); a giant hydrogen bomb; 10,000 degrees; the sun is an average size star (“stars also,” verse 16); about 100 billion galaxies, 100 billion stars per galaxy - 1 billion trillion stars in universe (multiple stars for every grain of sand)
 - f. He created everything by merely speaking! (Matt. 8:8-9)
 - g. Is He strong enough to help you with your problems? (Jer. 32:17)
 3. **God’s wisdom and knowledge** - Jer. 51:15 - everything perfectly ordered!
 - a. Molecules and atoms (matter) - universe is as vastly small as it is big! Molecules in 10 drops of water = stars in the universe! 5 million million hydrogen atoms fit on a pinhead - each one like a mini solar system! Quantum mechanics - complex and different from other physics!
 - b. Cells - like mini NYC, or galaxy, or jet plane - actual motors and operations! No engineer could design or create something so complex and so small!

- c. DNA - a code/instruction manual for organisms - arrangement of 5 nucleic acids (different for each organism), Francis Collins, "The Language of God"
- d. Animals (verses 20-25) - each animal carefully and brilliantly engineered (e.g. hummingbirds lower body temperature/metabolic rates while nesting)
- e. Does God know what's best for you?
- 4. **God's faithfulness** - heavenly bodies (verses 14-19) - Jer. 31:35-36; He's faithful!
- 5. **God's goodness** - everything pronounced good, (Ps. 136:1, 145:9-10, Ex. 33:19, Matt. 5:45); everything God has done and ever will do is perfectly good; it's wrong to complain or blame God for suffering and evil (Js. 1:17). God will work for good for you if you put your trust in Him! (Rom. 8:28)
- 6. **God's rights** - Gen. 14:19, 22; Col. 1:16-17, Ps. 24:1-2, Job 41:11, Deut. 10:14-15 - Everything belongs to Him, He can do whatever He wants with His own things! (Rom. 9:19-21, Matt. 20:15) Even if He never shed His blood to redeem us, we still owe God absolute obedience and submission because we are His property!

III. Implications of Creation for Man

- 1. **Man's dignity** - created in God's image (verses 26-27), not "after their kind" (see Lk. 3:38) - the awesome uniqueness of man
 - a. what is more like God, a man or a worm?
 - b. What does it mean that we bear God's image? *Personality/self-conscious, spirituality, knowledge (Col. 3:10), will, immortality*
 - c. Does man still bear God's image after the fall? (Gen. 9:6, Js. 3:9) Think of what this means about every person you meet! How obligated we are to love our neighbor! How much is a single human soul worth? (Matt Walsh article)
 - d. Man and woman are equally made in His image (verse 27)
- 2. **Man's insignificance** - on the other hand, made from the dust! (2:7) so we are fit objects for His condescension in redemption! (Ps. 8:3-8/Heb. 2:6-8, Is. 40:15-17)
- 3. **Man's purpose**
 - a. *Implicitly* - to glorify and enjoy God, especially to love Him - this is the one thing He wants from us (Pr. 23:26, Matt. 22:37-40); why doesn't He mention loving or glorifying Him in the Garden? He didn't need to! (2 Cor. 11:3)
 - b. *Explicitly* - (flows from his dignity) to bear God's image and be His representative stewards to the world; this is the express reason why God created man (1:26-28), and His mandate corresponds to it; we are intended to represent and reveal God to the world (Col. 3:10, Rom. 8:29)