



Teaching Notes

Biblical Worldview

Week 4 – The Beginning: Intentional or Accidental?

Genesis 1:1, Hebrews 11:3, Romans 1:20, Psalm 19:1

One of the foundational truths of the Bible is that God is the Creator of all things. In His power, God created everything...out of nothing (God + nothing = everything). Understanding creation through a biblical worldview is foundational for everything else we believe in the Bible. If Genesis chapter 1 is not true, then why should we believe anything else in the Bible? If we do not believe in a Creator at the beginning, how can we believe in a Judge at the end; and why would we need a Savior in the middle? The doctrine of creation reveals an Intelligent Designer, while magnifying the glory of God and pointing us to His grace. When it comes to the doctrine of creation, we only have two options: we either accept it as truth or we reject it as a myth.

READ:

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- Discuss the origin of God? What does it mean that God has always been, and He forever will be? Why is this truth vital to God's sovereignty?
- How did God create the universe? What does it mean that He created everything out of nothing? Why is the doctrine of creation foundational for our belief in the rest of the Bible?
- What can/should man know about God based on what we see in nature around us? What qualities of God does nature reveal? Why does this leave man without excuse?
- What are some secular attempts to describe the origin of the universe? Do these attempts fall short? Why or why not?

DISCUSS:

- What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen in nature? What did you conclude about God as you gazed at His creation?
- Have you ever doubted that God created the heavens and the earth? What convinced you that the world in which we live points to an Intelligent Designer?
- How has your understanding of God as Creator of the world helped you glorify Him? How has this understanding given you strength and stability as a Christian?
- How does creation reveal God's grace through His Son, Jesus Christ?
- How should Christians respond to people who do not acknowledge God as Creator of the world?
- Have you ever praised God for his creation? If so, what specifically did you praise him for?

PRAY:

God has revealed his sovereignty, power, and authority through Creation and through His Word. Pray that you will respond to the evidence of God by submitting to his love, authority, truth, and great plan for your life.

RESPOND:

This week make a list of all the ways you see and hear God through His creation, through His Scripture, and through His work in the hearts and lives of people. Praise Him and give Him glory for revealing himself to you.