

## Genesis In The Beginning Part 1

A God Who Creates

*Genesis 1:1 – 2:3*

*Memory Verses: Genesis 1:1*

### MANUSCRIPT

#### Introduction (Me, We, & the Struggle)

Let us read together **Genesis 1:1-2:3**. In the beginning God created... These famous words are familiar to almost everyone who has ever lived, regardless of their religion or beliefs. It is clear that the Bible teaches that God created everything. In the beginning... the world, the universe, the animals, and the people were all created by a sovereign, all powerful, all knowing, benevolent God.

And we believe a couple foundational truths concerning this God and his creation. For example, we believe that created everything and did so according to the account we just read. That this account is true. We believe in a literal nothing to something creation by a creator. We believe in a purposeful and intentional design by a designer. We believe that the world and the universe and the animals were all spoken into existence by the word of God. We believe in a literal Adam and Eve who were created by God from the dust of the earth in the exact way we've just read it. And we believe that on the seventh day God took a sabbath rest which we symbolically celebrate through sabbath rituals and literally partake of in the salvation of Christ. These are fundamental truths that I believe the Bible does not give leeway for.

However, there are other areas in which we must allow for nuance and grace in the way we go about understanding what God is communicating to us. Things such as the age of the Earth, the length of the days of creation, or even what could have possibly happened on the Earth before these accounts. And of course we must look at the bigger ideas presented here; mainly what does this teach us about who God is and who we were made to be. All of this and more will be explored in the coming weeks so buckle up.

But today we are going to take a step back, avoid the more nuanced and controversial subjects and start with a focus simply on this truth; we worship a God who creates. Today we want you to walk away with this one truth solidified in your soul... **In the majesty of creation we see a God worthy of glory and honor.**

#### Teaching (Expand on the Problem, God)

The first thing we need to recognize is that... **If God Is The Author of All Life He Has Authority Over Our Lives.** **Colossians 1:16** says that all things were created through him and for him... including all

other authorities. **2 Chronicles 20:6** says that God rules over all the kingdoms and nations of the earth which he has created... no one can withstand his authority. The point is simple... because God has created us he has authority over us as he rules the world.

Here I have a **lego brick**. Now, many of you know that I love lego. I have many sets and even buy and sell them as a side hustle. I have loved lego ever since I was 9 years old when my mom bought me a Pirate ship set called the Black Seas Barracuda. One of the things I love about lego bricks is that it allows me to create something that I can either play with, display, or even destroy and re-build. When I am building with lego I am the creator and I am in charge. For example, if I were building with my kids and after a while I decided to drop by creation on the floor and it broke into a hundred pieces... none of my kids would be made at me. Why? Because it was my creation. If I wanted to display it or destroy it... the choice was mine.

Many people have a **problem accepting God as their Lord** simply because they can't stand the idea that someone else has the **right to tell them how to live**. They don't want a boss or an authority they have to answer to, they would rather be their own authority, their own boss. In **Isaiah 65:2-3** God speaks about those who refuse to obey him. He loves them and yet they reject him. They want to live according to their own desires and devices. In **Romans 3:10-18** we have a summary of what the Old Testament says about the inclinations of mankind towards God's authority and if they don't put their trust in him as lord of their lives, surrendering their authority to him, they will suffer destruction. Look at **Isaiah 59:2**, and **Galatians 6:7-8**.

But for us who are in Christ, we find comfort in the fact that Jesus is our Lord. Look also at **Romans 8:28**, **Ephesians 1:11**. Whatever God does he does it for his glory and our good! We can trust him when he is in charge. The bottom line is that God is our creator, we are his creation, and he is allowed to do with us what he wills. As **Romans 9:21** says, doesn't the potter have rights over the clay? The author has rights to finish what he started... Thank God, in **Philippians 1:6**, God promises to finish the work he began in us. Thank God that he has been given authority to save us **John 17:2**. Our prayer should simply be, Lord, take me, mold me, use me as you see fit. **In the majesty of creation we see a God worthy of glory and honor.**

The second thing to see here is that... **If God Has The Power To Create Everything He Has The Ability to Sustain Everything.** **Job 42:2** says that God can do all things and no purpose of his can be thwarted. Because of his power nothing can be done that he has not done or allowed. **Hebrews 1:3** tells us that it is by the word of God that the whole universe is upheld. God is in a word, omnipotent, meaning all-powerful! And we can all see it through his creation! We see his power and his divine authority when

we look at the mountains or the sky or the planets through telescopes. God did that through his power. **God, through creation, has made his unlimited power unmistakable to all.** **Romans 1:20** says we are without an excuse to worship God and live our lives under his power because we can plainly see that he exists through what he has made. Why is this important? Because no one can stand against him? Look at **Chronicles 20:6**. How could anyone refuse, reject, or withstand the power of a God who can create entire universes into existence simply by thinking it? They can't. Look at **Psalms 76:7**, **Ephesians 5:6**. God's wrath cannot be stopped. You may reject him or withstand him for a time, but you are merely ice skating up hill. Eventually you will be shown the power of God. But again, for those of us who are in Christ, this is an encouragement. We know that our God is powerful enough to do what he says he will do. Look at what God's word says in **Matthew 19:26**, **Isaiah 40:28**, **Jeremiah 32:27**. Most of all, that he is powerful enough to save us from our sins and sustain our ministry to him. Look at **Romans 1:16**, **Hebrews 7:25**, **Romans 8:11**. **In the majesty of creation we see a God worthy of glory and honor.**

Another thing we need to recognize is... **If God Designed Everything Then Details Matter**. **Psalms 139:13-16** speaks to the idea that God forms us in the womb intricately. He didn't just have a rough draft of the world or humanity and slap it up with no care for how the brain functions or how the heart pumps blood. Instead, he is so detailed that there are things he has created inside of us that scientists still don't understand. For example, scientists can't definitively tell us how the eye works or brain works. God is so detailed that he has numbered the hairs on our heads. Look at **Matthew 10:30**. God is so detailed in his designs of creation that there are millions of creatures he has designed that haven't even been discovered yet. There are billions of stars that haven't been seen yet through a telescope. Get this... **God is so detailed that he has meticulously designed and created whole systems of stars and planets, species and ecosystems, that were only created on the chance that if we might discover them they would turn our hearts towards the great designer.** You might ask, God, why go to all the trouble? And he would answer, because my glory is worth it! Look at **Revelation 4:11**.

If God is so detailed and this detail is for his glory, then shouldn't we also be detailed for his glory! The details matter! God is creative, we should be creative. God is our authority, we should learn to lead well. God is the great designer, we should be organized and detailed! We don't do things willy nilly and by happenstance. We take our time, we make sure we create good things so that by our works our Lord will be glorified. The details you care about at work reflect upon your savior. Your diligence speaks to the diligence of a great God. So in the words of

the great Jerry Falwell, "if it's Christian it should be better." We see God's good works and we glorify God through our good works! **In the majesty of creation we see a God worthy of glory and honor.**

### Application

So what is the application? Look again, at **Colossians 1:16**. Everything that was created was by God and for God. God created the world for his glory! Our cry should echo **Romans 11:36**. How can you see his authorship, power, and design and not give him the glory and honor that he is due? How could you not make Him your Lord? How could you not trust him with your lives and live as an example of his great plan?

Hopefully you recognize that the fact that Our God is creator means that he is our authority. We must trust him with our lives simply because we are his and he can do with us what he wills. Hopefully you recognize that through his creation he has proven beyond a doubt that he is all powerful and sustains his creation. The work that he has begun in us continues by the power of his spirit in us. Hopefully you recognize that God's creation has such intricate design that it must inspire us to be detail oriented people who do quality work for the sake of God's glory. Ultimately... the creation points to God's even greater work... his salvation. If he can create us he can save us from our sins!

### Conclusion

As we close this morning I want you to listen to a poem by Maurice Dyson. There is a great Designer...Controlling everything. The many constellations... Or the sparrow on the wing; The largest ocean liner That ever put to sea, Would never reach its port of call...If facts did not agree. The law of gravitation...That holds us in our place; The measureless dimensions...That we commonly call space; All form a grand equation... That echoes and coheres; Maintaining checks and balances... Throughout the passing years. This wonderful creation... And marvellous expanse... Was brought into existence... By the Master's strict commands; We share the exultation... That angels once portrayed, The day they sang that joyful song When earth and sky were made.

So, can you trust in this creator? Can you live your lives in submission to him as your Lord? If creation points us towards anything it would be that **In the majesty of creation we see a God worthy of glory and honor**. Have you given him the glory and honor he deserves by surrendering your life to him?