

Systematic Theology - Lesson 6

Doctrine of Creation (Part 2)

Introduction & Review

- God created in the beginning, out of nothing, _____. (Genesis 1:1-3)
- Creation is not by chance or accident; origins begin with God. (Genesis 1:1-3)
- God created by His Word – 'And God said.' (Genesis 1:3)
- The Bible gives what we need to know: who created and why – for His glory. (Genesis 2:4)
- Genesis 1:1–2:3 gives the big picture; Genesis 2:4 zooms into the details.

Non-Christian Views

- Pantheism – God is _____. Everything is god. (Acts 17:24-25)
- Pantheism teaches that the divine exists in everything; God has no distinct personality or holiness.
- Dualism – There are _____ ultimate forces: good and evil. (Isaiah 45:7)
- Dualism denies the goodness of God's creation, teaching that spirit is good and matter is evil.
- Deism – God is not _____ with creation. (Colossians 1:17)
- Deism views God as a distant clockmaker who wound up creation and left it to run.
- Materialism – The universe is a _____ system with no divine interaction. (Psalm 14:1)
- Materialism teaches that life is an epic purposeless accident—only matter in motion.

God's Relationship to Creation

- God is _____ from creation yet always involved in it. (Acts 17:25,28)
- Creation is not self-sustaining but depends on God. (Hebrews 1:3)
- God is above creation but personally concerned for it. (John 3:16)
- He sent His Son Jesus to redeem creation.

God's Transcendence

- Transcendence = God's _____ and holiness above creation. (Isaiah 55:8-9)
- God is distinct and sovereign over His creation.
- He rules with kingship, majesty, and holiness.
- He is not so _____ that He cannot interact with us. (Psalm 113:5-6)

God's Immanence

- Immanence means God is _____ and active in His creation. (Deuteronomy 4:39)
- God's power interlocks Heaven and Earth. (Joshua 2:11)
- God dwells in unapproachable light yet lives with His people. (Isaiah 57:15)
- The Tent of _____ showed His nearness to His people. (Exodus 33:7)
- Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, is the ultimate example of God's immanence.

God Created Adam and Eve

- God formed man from the dust and breathed the breath of _____. (Genesis 2:7)
- He created them male and female in His image. (Genesis 1:27)
- Both were made in the image of God with distinct roles and purposes.
- We are not 'grown-up animals' but made in the image of God.

The Image of God (Imago Dei)

- We are made in God's image in our _____. (Genesis 1:27)
- Humans are intellectual, rational, moral, and spiritual beings.
- Functionally – We are meant to _____ creation. (Genesis 1:28)
- We are to work, watch over, and care for what God made.
- Relationally – We were made for _____ with God and others. (Genesis 2:18)
- Without a literal Adam, the Bible is wrong on creation, sin, and _____. (Romans 5:19)
- The image of God defines our worth, purpose, and calling in creation.

Conclusion

- The God of creation has the power to bring about a _____ creation. (Revelation 21:5)
- Our hope for the future rests on the promise that all things will be made new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- The doctrine of creation reminds us of God's greatness, goodness, and purpose for all things.

Answer Key

1. EX-NIHILO
2. EVERYTHING
3. TWO
4. INVOLVED
5. CLOSED
6. DISTINCT
7. KINGSHIP
8. OTHER
9. PRESENT
10. MEETING
11. LIFE
12. ESSENCE
13. RULE
14. RELATIONSHIP
15. SALVATION
16. NEW