

Genesis 1 – session 1 of 2 – 4 Eternal Questions Answered– 1 August 2019

Introduction –

The Name Genesis

Genesis in Greek = ‘beginning’

Hebrew is ‘In the beginning’

Moses wrote the book

It shorter than you think to get from Adam to Moses

God spoke directly with Moses giving a 1st hand account of many things in the book

A book of beginnings

The Universe (Uni=single, Verse=spoken sentence)

Life, Man, Sin, Death

Shows the beginning of God's redemptive plan for mankind choosing Israel

Genesis Chapter 1

Christians disagree on many minor Biblical topics and that's ok

Water Baptism

Gifts of the Spirit

Forms of Church Govt

.....but we *can't disagree on the essential nature of the Creation Account* as given by God!

God initiates a relationship with all things in order to bring light to our understanding

Tonight, as we go God's introductory love letter, Genesis 1, God has 4 eternal answers that He wants us to have

The 1st eternal question that we ask is, Who is God?

Read Vs 1a – “In the Beginning God...”

1. If no God, then ‘In the beginning’ ..what?
 - a. Take about evolution a bit
 - b. If life came from nothing, what did the 1st thing mate with?
 - c. Building-builder, painting-painter, design-designer
 - d. It takes faith to believe in the beginning anything, we just happen to have excellent reason to know WHO was in the beginning!
2. God reveals that He is everlasting
 - a. When writing your autobiography, you wouldn’t take chapters upon chapters to explain that you exist.
 - i. We have many infallible proofs to know that God is the author of this book (ie eyewitness accounts, prophecies fulfilled)

- b. Read Isa 57:15 – For thus saith the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity...
 - c. Read Isa 44:6 – First and last
 - d. Meaning of eternal – for the vanishing point
 - e. It's important to know He's eternal b/c this tells us He has the power to sustain all things
3. God reveals that He is a Trinity
- a. The word 'God' here is plural not dual.
 - b. Three aspects
 - i. Look at vs 3 – The spirit moved...
 - ii. All thru chapter 1 – And God said, God said
 - 1. The Word was spoken and things came to be
 - 2. Read John 1:1-3 – Jesus is revealed to us as the Creator Word
 - c. Skip to vs 26 – Let us make man in our image
 - d. It's important to know He's a trinity b/c this tells us He has all that He needs within Himself

- i. He doesn't need the creation or us to be satisfied
- ii. If this was a man it would be callous and selfish, but wait til you see how he chooses to treat us!!

So God answers the 1st eternal question, Who is God?

He says, I want you to know who I AM, I AM the eternal Trinity. I have the power to sustain all things and I'm completely satisfied within Myself

Read Vs 1b-2

1. Vs 1 - "Created" – is *baw-raw* – created from nothing
 - a. Scientist try to 'create life' using chemicals, enzymes and amino-acids.
 - b. God says you're cheating – go get you own stuff and stop using mine.

2. Vs 2 – “Without form and void”
 - a. Many people try making a Gap Theory from this verse.
 - b. Means unformed & unfilled; not destroyed
 - c. Means meaningless/vain/empty; not chaos
 - d. There wasn't an ‘old world’ that was destroyed and the new one created.
 - e. Can't believe the Bible & Gap Theory
 - i. Jesus, the Word, our Creator told us a few things about His creation.
 1. We've seen John 1:1-3
 2. Also Col 1:16 – All things created by Him and for Him
 - ii. Matt 19:4 & Mar 10:6 – Jesus said He made Adam and Eve *in the beginning*
 - iii. Rom 5:12-14 – Jesus inspired Paul to write that death started by Adam's sin.
 - iv. I Cor 15:21 - Jesus inspired Paul to write that this sin came from Adam.

3. Rebellious men are always trying for theory that will allow them to ignore God and do what they want.
 - a. You can put your faith in evolution or in God but you can't combine them. The Bible doesn't allow for both to be true.

This leads us to the 2nd eternal question that we ask is, Does God care about me?

1. He cares enough about you to be personally involved in the affairs of His creation!
 - a. Moved in vs 2 means to hover, brood or shaken.
 - b. Translated as 'fluttereth' in Deut 32:10-12
 - i. Read Deut 32:10-12
 - ii. So involved that He knows just what His creation needs at any given time.
2. He cares enough about you to reveal a first-hand eyewitness account of creation to you!

- a. Science can tell you about observable things in nature, but not about origins.
 - i. Strange that evolutionists try talking about origins. (alien seed, big bang)
 - ii. Most just say, “from goo to you by way of the zoo”, but never mention origins.
- b. Which takes more faith to believe?
 - i. In the beginning nothing exploded!
 - ii. In the beginning God created...
- c. We have excellent reasons to believe God, **BECAUSE HE WAS THERE.** And He cares enough about us to tell us first-hand!

So God answers the 2nd eternal question, Does God care about me?

He says, I want you to know that I will personally guide you (flutter) and I've given you an eye-witness account, not just of the beginning, BUT THE WHOLE WAY TO YOUR END!

Read Vs 3-5 – Day 1 (Light from darkness)

1. Jesus is the Light

- a. Dividing light – We can only see light in a certain spectrum. (ultra-violet to infrared)
 - i. This just reminds us of our limited abilities.
 - ii. Our limited abilities to see God
- b. Remember this Light is before the Sun is made.
 - i. As John is telling us of our Creator Jesus the Word – he says John 1:4 (read this)
 - ii. To know God is to experience the light
 1. Psm 119:105 – Thy Word (Jesus) is lamp unto my feet & light unto my path.
 2. Matt 4:16 – The people that sat in darkness have seen a great light.
 3. Simeon prophecy at Jesus birth that Jesus is a light to the Gentiles.
 4. We could do a whole study on Jesus the source of light.

2. Vs 4 – “*It was good*” – nothing sinful/wrong
3. Vs 5 – “*Evening & morn were the 1st day*”
 - a. Day started at 6pm
 - b. Definite article – the 1st day, not a 1st day

Read Vs 6-8 – Day 2 (Water above from water below)

1. Scripture has 3 meanings for the word heaven
 - a. Blue sky – place of the birds and flying
 - b. Black sky – place of the planets and stars
 - c. Heaven – place of God’s abode
2. This heaven called a firmament divides the waters on the earth from waters that were held above the earth beyond the black sky.
3. Water canopy theory around the earth doesn’t quite fit all biblical texts.
 - a. Vs 14 – says the sun, moon, stars are in the firmament & water was above this.
 - b. Read Psm 148:4 – water above is still there!
 - c. Some of this water seems to have fallen at the time of the flood.

Read Vs 9-10 – Day 3 (Water from land)

1. Varying elevations allow for it to be gathered.
2. Says the waters were gathered into “one place”
 - a. Seems to have been one super-continent that was later divided up at the flood.
 - b. Creationists & Evolutionists believe in continental drift.
 - i. Evolutions think is happened slowly.
 - ii. Creationists think is happened suddenly.

Conclusion –

We've looked at the first two eternal questions & God's answers

1. **Who is God? (vs 1)**

- a. **I want you to know who I Am**
- b. **I Am the eternal Trinity of God**
- c. **I have the power to sustain all things**
- d. **I'm completely satisfied within Myself**

2. **Does God care for me? (vs 2)**

- a. **I want you to know that I will personally guide you and flutter over you.**
- b. **I've provided an eyewitness account of creation (no gap theory or evolution)**
- c. **I've given you first-hand insight into all things right until the end of time!**