

Series: Cliff Notes

Sermon: Where It Began

### **Genesis 1:1-3**

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

3 Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

### **John 1:1-3**

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God.

3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

10 He came into the very world he created, but the world didn’t recognize him. 11 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.

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Cliff Notes: Revelation of God’s Creation Ruined, Redeemed, Restored.

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Before the Beginning: God, Love, Darkness

*“If God created man, each human being is then the realization of a certain divine conception AND PURPOSE! (my emphasis) Here then is the problem. The atheism of the eighteenth-century abolished God, and yet still insisted there was such a thing as human nature, that there were still some things we must do because they’re good for human beings to do.*

*Atheistic existentialism, of which I am a representative, declares with greater consistency that if God does not exist, we must face the consequences of this. That being we are NOT made with a purpose and there is no ‘p priori good’. Nowhere is it written that human beings must be honest, that we must not lie, because we are now on a plane where there are only human beings and no god. As Dostoyevsky wrote, if there is no god, everything is permitted.”*

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### **Before the Beginning – LOVE**

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At the core of God’s existence is LOVE, from which power manifests itself for the good of others.

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**In the beginning: GOD, LOVE, and there was DARKNESS.**

***The natural default of existence where God has not spoken is darkness!***