

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

In the Beginning, God... – Genesis 1:1-2

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – Genesis 1-11, Genesis, and the whole Bible starts with God
2. What We See About God
 - a. Infinite
 - b. Eternal
 - c. Unchangeable
3. Why This Matter
 - a. Deeper Love for God
 - b. Greater Devotion to God
 - c. Fuller Peace from God
4. Conclusion – illustration of man climbing a steep mountain

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Exodus 24:4 – And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.
- Isaiah 44:6 - Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god."
- John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.
- Psalm 145:3 - Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- Psalm 90:2 - Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- Malachi 3:6 - For I the LORD do not change...
- Jeremiah 9:24 - but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth.
- Deuteronomy 6:4-5 - Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.
- Daniel 2:20-21 - Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding...
- John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it crucial that we understand that Genesis, and the whole Bible, begins with God?
- What might happen to our faith and whole life if God is not the main focus?
- Why is it vital that our God is the God of the Bible and not just any god or one we invent?
- What impact does that fact that God is self-sufficient and is not accountable to anyone by Himself have on what we expect God to do?
- How do we see the Trinity here in Genesis 1:1-2 (cf. John 1:1)?
- If God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable what does that say about His greatness?
- In what ways, or in what areas of your life, do you suffer from 'Little-God Syndrome'?
- How does a bigger view of God help combat Little-God syndrome?
- What are some practical ways having a bigger view of God can deepen your love for God and grow your devotion to Him?
- How does a big God offer you peace no matter what is going on in this world?
- Since there is no one else, how does the God of the Bible offer us hope through the gift of His Son?