

SERMON NOTES

THE BASICS * OF THE BIBLE

fundamentals of the faith

the redemptive story

Genesis 1

1 IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

The Basics of the Bible: In the Beginning | Genesis 1:1-31

Big Idea: We can live out the life God has called us to when we understand where we came from.

1. The Reality of God Before All Things [vs.1]

A. God is Eternal

- He doesn't enter the story He is the _____ of it.

B. God is Personal

- He _____, He _____, He _____, and He makes plans and choices.

C. God is Sovereign

- Elohim means the strong One, the mighty One, the supreme One.

2. The Intentional Design of Creation [vss. 3-25]

A. God _____

- Light, sky, land, seas, vegetation [vss. 3-13]

B. God _____

- Sun, moon, stars, birds, fish, land animals, humans [vss. 14-28]

3. The Uniqueness of Humanity [vss. 26-27, vs. 2:7]

A. Created in God's Image

- We are not animals with _____. Not accidents with awareness.

B. Created with Intrinsic Value

- Every human life carries divine _____.

C. Created for Relationship

- God creates people capable of _____ Him.

4. The Purpose of Humanity [vs. 28, Gen. 2:15-17]

- To Reflect Him
- To Rule Under Him
Adam and Eve were the very first _____ over God's creation.

5. The Goodness of the Beginning [vs. 31]

- Everything God made was _____ good.

Application point: We were created in the image of God, designed to reflect Him, to walk with Him, and to live under His authority. The closer we are to Him, the more we become who we were truly made to be. But the further we drift from Him, the more distorted our lives become.